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GRAND PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Fifteenth Grand Biennial Convention. — An Appreciation

In accordance with the wish of the preceding Convention that the next meeting be held in the West, and at the invitation of Upsilon Chapter and Beta Alumnæ Chapter, our Convention met in Minneapolis. The gratitude felt by the members of the Convention for the efforts of the entertaining chapters in their behalf was sincere. Whatever sisterly thoughtfulness could suggest or untiring energy accomplish was done to make the Convention of 1903 a success. To the heads of committees, Mrs. Wilson, Misses Fanning, Robinson, Aldrich, Stanford and Skinner, and to our toast mistress, Miss Woodman, we extend our thanks; at the same time we realize that all the clever planning would have been futile had it not been for the willing support of the whole chapter's membership.

The "Ordinary" of West Hotel belonged for the time exclusively to the Convention, and the large room held at least a hundred at every session, the number reaching one hundred and twenty-five at the gala occasion — our banquet. The glorious flowers at this celebration do not make us forget the lovely blooms brought daily to make the assembly room delightful. There were thirty-two official delegates, every chapter, active and alumnæ, being officially represented save our re-

cently established alumnæ chapter at Cleveland, Ohio. Even they had an unofficial representative.

During the past two years, according to instructions of preceding Convention, the District Presidents had visited all chapters in their districts (two necessary exceptions being made), and the Council heard in detail the results of the same. The intimate knowledge of our chapters thus secured convinced the Convention of the advisability of continuing such visits. Despite the fact that these visits were supposed to take the place of district conventions, Gamma District held its first convention between Grand Conventions. The good obtained from these visits and that derived from district conventions is distinct, the one being in no case able to secure the results of the other. It is to be hoped that during the next two years both district visits and district conventions may be found practicable.

During the past administration, extension committees were appointed in each district; the work included the investigation of every college or university in the district presenting in any way a field for our extension. Many of these investigations were made by personal visits to the colleges—the Council has by this means secured an intelligent outlook for the immediate future.

The Convention discussions were in almost all cases introduced by written reports formulated by committees appointed last January. These reports, compiled after the committees had secured the will of all chapters on each separate item, contained definite formulated suggestions which readily passed the Convention. By this means one session sufficed to complete the constitutional changes. I cannot emphasize too strongly the orderliness and speed of such work, and urge upon the chapters similar conscientious endeavor in preparation for the next Convention. Did we but consider a moment, we would realize that our educational committee, Misses Flannery, Seward and Post, had contributed largely to

this prompt execution of our business. Each delegate had been carefully trained in the educational work, and her familiarity with our ruling documents was gratifying.

The transfer of our National Archives to Phi chapter is a wise provision. Trained in methodical ways, living in a house owned by the chapter, we entrust this heritage in perfect confidence to our Stanford girls. The work of our retiring archivist, Leonora Gould, has been thoroughly conscientious. She has brought order out of the chaos to which neglect had reduced our papers. Owing to Miss Gould's plans we have been able to secure for our National Archives documents heretofore missing. The files should soon be absolutely complete.

To Edith Cockins, our retiring Editor, the Convention could not express its real obligation. Her work accomplished more than we were wise enough even to hope. We pledge to our new Editor, Caroline Comly, our hearty support, and are glad of the honor that has come to her and to Alpha Beta.

The rulings on Inter-Fraternity questions proved that Kappa Alpha Theta stood firmly for a new order of things, for she decided to accept outright the measures proposed by the Conference of 1902. The Conference of 1903, held in Chicago, on September nineteenth, proved that only three of the women's fraternities took this position. The Convention again made Mrs. Laura Norton our official delegate to this Conference, and Miss Irene Parkes her alternate. The election of Mrs. Norton to the chairmanship of the Conference for the second time gratifies us, for we believe this to be a proof that the other delegates were convinced of the sincerity of Mrs. Norton's and of Kappa Alpha Theta's stand in this matter.

Do you ask: What in the past Convention promises most for the future? I answer: Not what we did so much as what we found ourselves truly to be — found this more conclusively than we ever knew before. As

we planned day by day, and carried or lost those motions whose settlement had seemed before the opening session the all-important things, the specific questions dwindled into insignificance before the great conviction of the truth of our fraternity loyalty. Diverse as the opinions of the chapters were, the ultimate decisions were made with such a singleness of eve to the good of the whole that the beauty of it cannot be told. To me, personally, there is no greater proof of the uniformity of our chapter standards. Delegates from active chapters alive to all the perplexities engendered by local environment; alumnæ, remote from colleges since their graduation, representing alumnæ chapters supposedly out of touch with active problems, one and all echoed the same thought: - Show me the good of this to Kappa Alpha Theta and I shall oppose it no longer. The result was a unanimous vote on almost every motion. The unique status held by the alumnæ chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta was continued at the wish of the alumnæ delegates — the obligations exacted of them being gladly met in order to preserve their position of power in the national body. The two new alumnæ chapters at Wooster and Kansas City are gladly welcomed. During the past two years the Fraternity has granted six alumnæ charters, making our alumnæ roll number thirteen. The interest of the older women was inspiring. Even those who represented our newest alumnæ chapters were keenly alive to present conditions and well informed. It was gratifying to see the number of the Minneapolis alumnæ who came to all the sessions and stayed. The enthusiasm was contagious.

I said what we are — a body of *loyal* women — is the surest promise for a bright future, not so much what we did. This is true indeed. Nevertheless we feel that the rulings were eminently practical and definite and will go far to insure the business success of our organization.

The courtesies received from the Greek letter societies of the University of Minnesota were apperciated by

the Convention, and add much to our memories of that

happy week.

The incoming Council, four of whom continue to hold offices held during the preceding administration, feel that their reëlection is a proof that the plans formulated by them during the past two years have received the approval of the chapters, and it is their desire in the coming two years to bring to a nearer completion the projects still unrealized. The pleasure we felt in the generous support of the chapters will be to each of us one of the dearest memories of our lives.

EDNAH HARMON WICKSON.

Convention Report of the Grand Secretary

The fifteenth biennial convention of Kappa Alpha Theta convened in Minneapolis, Tuesday, August 27, 1903, at 2 o'clock. Each chapter, save Mu alumnæ, was officially represented. With the visiting delegates and our hostesses there were seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five loyal Thetas at each session.

The four days of convention were very busy ones and yet we found time to know and enjoy one another and to meet the fraternity women of the University of Minnesota.

Committees, appointed last February, presented to the convention careful reports on many questions. Much of the legislation enacted was based on these reports.

General organization was a prominent topic. Constitution revision, so well begun at the last convention, was still further advanced and we trust it is nearing completion.

Chapter visiting by district presidents, an experiment during the past two years, became a permanent feature of our organization. To expedite this work district boundaries were altered. Beta district absorbed the two western chapters, Mu and Kappa alumnæ, of Alpha district; then Beta district was divided into new Beta and Delta districts; while Gamma district remained unchanged.

Finance was a topic most thoroughly discussed. As a result, Kappa Alpha Theta has the nucleus of a sinking fund and a permanent plan for the steady growth of this endowment.

A standing committee has made a careful study of chapter government during the past two years. As a

result of its report we shall have more uniformity and better organization throughout the fraternity.

That there is still a wide field for fraternity extension was shown by the number of applications for charters constantly being received. Nineteen different applications for college charters have been received since last convention. Fourteen of these were refused, leaving five to be further investigated. Two alumnæ charters were granted, one at Wooster, Ohio, and one at Kansas City, Mo. This makes six new alumnæ chapters in two years.

The alumnæ delegates took a very active and helpful part in convention. They held an evening session for the discussion of alumnæ chapter organization and plan of work. They also had charge of a general session devoted to the consideration of Kappa Alpha Theta as an active factor in university and civic life.

Interfraternity relations were given due consideration. One entire session was devoted to the proposed national interfraternity rushing contract. Kappa Alpha Theta stands for the late asking day, believes that through national cooperation the evils of rushing can best be eradicated, and will most heartily become a party to such a compact. At the same time she feels that the resolutions passed at the first interfraternity conference may prove inadequate because of failure in adaptation to the different conditions in different universities. Kappa Alpha Theta will therefore propose to the second interfraternity conference (to be held this fall) through her delegate, Mrs. Norton of Chicago, several changes. First, that the national agreement be more flexible as to details; as the opening date of our universities varies from the middle of August to the first week in October there should not be a specified day for asking, therefore substitute for a specific day "three months from the opening day of college." Furthermore we propose a local board in each university composed of non-active college members, this board to define "matriculation, rushing, etc.," in harmony with local conditions, and also to act as the first court of appeals in case of a misunderstanding between the fraternity chapters in the university. In this way only serious infringement of the compact will be carried to the general fraternity officers for settlement.

The discussion of interfraternities showed plainly that Kappa Alpha Theta disapproves of such societies. Hereafter only by special permission may members of Kappa Alpha Theta become members of an interfra-

ternity fraternity.

Among the many minor subjects legislated upon, a few seem of particular interest. Henceforth our Journal will go to each member of the alumnæ chapters as well as to the individual members of college chapters. Once a year our Journal will contain a complete register, with addresses, of the members of Kappa Alpha Theta. To carry out this work most successfully, each chapter will keep a card catalogue of members, the editor of the Journal will keep a similar catalogue of all chapters. These catalogues will be uniform in every respect, all supplies being provided by the Journal editor who is also the catalogue editor.

The archives so long in the keeping of Tau at Evanston have been placed with Phi at Stanford University. The change was made in order to have the archives safe

within a chapter house owned by the fraternity.

Fraternity headquarters will be maintained in St. Louis during the exposition. The committee having charge of this matter will report to the fraternity through

the Journal.

The election of officers at the closing session resulted in the retaining of all the general fraternity officers of the last council. Miss Wickson was chosen president, Miss Green, secretary, Miss Cockins, treasurer. The district presidents, who are the vice presidents of the council, were elected as follows: Alpha district, Miss Reynaud, of Alpha Zeta; Beta district, Miss Eagleson, of Alpha Gamma (reëlected); Gamma district, Miss Whipple, of Omega; Delta district, Miss Harrison, of Kappa. Alpha Beta, Swarthmore, was chosen to have charge of the Journal, whose editor becomes the eighth member of the Grand Council.

The fifteenth biennial was most successful in the amount of work accomplished, in its unity, interest and attendance. Much credit is due the committees whose careful reports opened every discussion. Our deepest gratitude is due our thoughtful hostesses, Upsilon and Beta alumnæ. They had entire charge of convention arrangements and the perfect comfort and convenience of everything testified to their ability and made possible the carrying out of our programme to the last topic.

L. PEARLE GREEN,

Grand Secretary.

Minutes of the Second Inter-Sorority Conference

The Second Inter-Sorority Conference met September 19, 1903, at the Columbus Safe Deposit Vaults, Chicago. The purpose of this meeting was to receive reports from the National Sororities on the five by-laws submitted to them by the first Conference, and to take what additional action seemed advisable. Nine Sororities were represented as follows:

KAPPA ALPHA THETA, Mrs. Laura H. Norton. Delta Gamma, Miss Blanche Garten.
KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA, Miss Virginia Sinclair.
CHI OMEGA, Miss May Miller.
ALPHA CHI OMEGA, Miss Mabel Siller.
ALPHA PHI, Miss Ruth Terry.
Delta Delta Delta, Miss Alma Fick.
PI Beta Phi, Miss Elizabeth Gamble.
GAMMA PHI BETA, Miss Lillian Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Thompson. Mrs. Laura H. Norton was elected chairman, and Miss

Thompson secretary.

Since the last Conference met all the Sororities represented, but Pi Beta Phi and Chi Omega, have had conventions. In these conventions the five by-laws formed by the last Conference were discussed, and by them their delegates were instructed. The delegates from Pi Beta Phi and Chi Omega were instructed by their Grand Councils. The delegates were unanimous in their approval of annual Inter-Sorority Conferences. They all deplored existing conditions in rushing and bidding, and hoped that the Conference could find some remedy for them. They all disapproved of violent rushing and discountenanced "lifting" entirely. All the Sororities represented, except Gamma Phi Beta, were willing to sign an Inter-Sorority compact, as soon as one could be

framed which would be satisfactory to all. But the reports on the five by-laws framed by the first Convention were not unanimous. The contents of these reports may be tabulated as follows:

- Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, and Kappa Alpha Theta voted in Convention to accept the five bylaws, provided they were accepted by all the Sororities represented in the Conference.
- 2. Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi took no definite action on the by-laws, but approved some Inter-Sorority Compact, if one be formed flexible enough to suit local conditions in the different institutions.
- 3. Gamma Phi Beta disapproved an Inter-Sorority Compact under existing circumstances, while admitting that such a compact is ideal. Hence she took no definite action on the by-laws, but condemned "lifting."
- The remaining Sororities, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega and Alpha Chi Omega, all disapproved of by-law I (deferring bidding to the second Friday in December); by-law 2 (that all invitations be official and mailed) was declared to be already the policy of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega; Alpha Chi Omega did not approve it: by-law 3 (that ten days be allowed the candidate in which to make her decision) was approved by Chi Omega, disapproved by Alpha Chi Omega, and not acted on by Kappa Kappa Gamma, though she suggested that the time is too long: by-law 4 (no part of initiations shall be public) and by-law 5 (transgressions shall be reported through National officers to National officers) were approved by all three Sororities.

No Inter-Sorority Compact, therefore, was formed. Each delegate presented to the conference a report, and while these are too long to give in full, some of them contain suggestions and formulate objections which the Conference desires to lay before the Sororities. The Secretary, therefore, selected the following from these reports:

Delta Delta States that an Inter-Sorority Compact will be much harder for Sororities who have to rush for the most part, against locals. She would prefer a later pledge day than that suggested by by-law I.

Delta Gamma urges that the Alumnæ be enlisted in this attempt to bring about a better understanding between Sororities. She suggests the formation of Pan-Hellenic Associations in the different colleges (such as that now existing in the University of Nebraska) in order to increase acquaintanceship, and regulate relations between Sororities.

Pi Beta Phi feels that the five by-laws do not meet local conditions in many colleges. By-law I would be

hard for chapters living in houses.

Alpha Chi Omega feels that the average term in college of her members is so short (they are music pupils and their course averages two years) that a late pledge day would be hard for them. She rather doubts the advisability of making an Inter-Sorority Compact, but if the other Sororities agree to one she will sign too.

Chi Omega also thinks chapters in colleges where there are chiefly locals will find a compact hard; she mentions the hardships of a late pledge for chapters living in houses, but she is willing to help make some Inter-

Sorority Compact that shall be agreed to by all.

Kappa Alpha Theta suggests an advisory board at each college where an Inter-Sorority Compact shall be in force; this body to be composed of delegates elected by the Sororities, and to deal with violations of Compact.

After having heard and discussed these reports, the Conference proceeded (1) to order the formation of Pan-Hellenic Associations, and (2) to embody some of the suggestions contained in the reports, and brought out by the discussion, in motions to be voted on by the chapters of the various Sororities.

I. PAN-HELLENIC ASSOCIATIONS.

- I. Moved that Pan-Hellenic Associations be formed in every institution in which two or more National Sororities exist. (Carried unanimously).
- 2. Moved that these Pan-Hellenic Associations consist of one Alumnæ, and one active member from each Sorority represented in the Conference. (Carried unanimously).
- 3. Moved that it be the purpose of these Associations to discuss and act on all matters of Inter-Sorority interest in the colleges and universities in which they exist, especially such matters as the Inter-Sorority Conference. (Carried unanimously).
- 4. Moved that the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference be empowered to ask the Grand Secretaries of the National Sororities to notify their chapters that the chapter first established in each institution is to organize the Pan-Hellenic Association there. The chairmanship is to be held in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment. (Carried unanimously).

The Conference urges that these Pan-Hellenic Associations be formed as soon after Thanksgiving as possible.

5. Moved that any chapter violating the Pan-Hellenic agreements be reported to its Grand President by the Pan-Hellenic Association to which it belongs. (Carried unanimously).

II. MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON BY THE CHAPTERS.

The following by-laws are to be laid before the chapters of the nine Sororities by their Grand Councils, and voted on as soon as possible. The vote is to be forwarded before March 1st by the Grand Secretary of each Sorority to the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference, Miss Lillian W. Thompson, 326 West Sixty-first

Place, Chicago, and the result of the vote announced by her to the Sororities.

- I. Moved that a pledge day be adopted by the National Sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.
- 2. Moved that the pledge day in each college be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there.
- 3. Moved that no student be asked to join a Sorority before she has matriculated.
- 4. Moved that matriculation be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The Conference desires to express its sentiments on two points: First, we still recommend a late pledge day. Second, we urge all Sorority women to coöperate actively in college organizations intended for the good of all college students, such as Christian Associations, Literary Societies and Women's Leagues. We are aften censured, and justly so, for withholding our active support from these wider movements of student life.

The next Conference will be called by Delta Gamma

at Chicago in September, 1904.

In closing this report the Secretary wishes to extend to all the chapters of all the Sororities interested in this forward movement a most cordial greeting from the Conference. We hope that the same friendly, helpful spirit, which has made these two Conferences so delightful and inspiring to the delegates, will animate you all, and prove an abundant reward for your efforts to assist us in this work.

LILLIAN THOMPSON,
Gamma Phi Beta,
Sec'y. of the Second Inter-Sorority Conference.

A Convention Aftermath

A long anticipation extending over weeks and months, a railroad journey, a happy arrival full of those lasting "first impressions," four days filled full of hard thought and earnest work, with snatches of gaiety in the interims, hasty farewells and hearty good wishes — and lo "Convention" is a thing of the past, just to be dreamed over in idle hours! I could find it in my heart to wish we might lay all these Convention memories away in a corner of our brains to season, like a pot-pourri of rose leaves, just now and then stealing a long breath of the perfume as it sweetens and deepens with time.

But those Convention treasures are not to be hoarded up in such miserly fashion,—they must be shared with the dozens of girls who did not go, and must be made real to all the stay-at-homes. And here is the rub, how to give the chapters through its one, two, or even six delegates an adequate notion of the busy days at Minneapolis, to decide which phases need the greatest explanation, or even to find a beginning at all for the pen picture of Convention, this is a knotty problem indeed! Your scribe, in trying to tell somewhat of those days in Minneapolis, found herself writing a volume of thirty pages to present to her chapter, and even then she had the pleasant sense of utter failure.

There are three view-points of those Convention happenings which appeal at first glance, the strictly business phase, full of its intense interest for every right-minded member of Kappa Alpha Theta; the social side which charms us all while at Convention, and to which we find our minds roving back so often; and the personal side.

Perhaps, after all, the business side comes first in the list of duties of each delegate. It does not amount to a great deal that the girls of a certain chapter have a happy realization of the banquet night and their heads filled with new designs for sofa cushions, if they fail to send their material in the required form to the first Journal and have gained no ideas of the financial changes in the fraternity. This is the cut and dried duty of the delegate, the simplest of all her offices—to render an accurate report to her chapter of all business changes which will affect them immediately. Has every delegate from the Fifteenth Convention conscientiously reported these details of Convention ruling which are in effect at present? This is the only price the delegate pays for all the pleasure which she alone receives.

What can we say of the social side? It was like a new assemblage of girls — that first reception to the delegates in the balcony of the West Hotel. As someone has said, "How sorrow does change a man, and evening dress a woman!" With all cares abandoned, the sedate officials of the "Ladies Ordinary" became just every-day girls again, and here we learned, if our ears were sharp, all the small gossip of the chapters.

It was a real pleasure to meet the girls of other fraternities. We knew the Kappa Kappa Gammas in their pretty house at 425 Groveland Avenue where we drank tea and talked of a hundred things. The black and gold on every side made us feel quite at home, and only the Western hospitality could have suggested to a few to pin on large bunches of our own pansies. The Alpha Phis and the Delta Gammas gave us the same cordial greetings, while two beautiful baskets of flowers graced our Convention rooms—the gifts of the other two women's fraternities at Minnesota.

Last of all comes the phase of Convention, which for lack of a better word, I have called the "personal." These "personal" memories are hidden in the bottom of the vase, where the odor of the roses is the spiciest and most subtle, and very like unto the perfume of a rose

are those intangible somethings which make Convention ever to be remembered. One of those odorous leaves of the pot-pourri is called "friendship," and one is called "loyalty," and another is called "the appreciation of others," and mixing with them all, like a sachet of lavender, is the love of Kappa Alpha Theta. If you have taken home from Minneapolis, dear Theta delegates, any new friendships - surely they are of the dearer memories. The girls who gathered together there were not strangers, they were sisters in the spirit of fraternity, workers all-in-all toward the Ideal of Kappa Alpha Theta. The memory which you have of that "Theta Prayer" from Cavalliera Rusticana, thrilling us all past words on the night of the banquet, - this too is one of those deep "personal" memories. And the recollection which we all carried home of those solemn installations on the last day of Convention, surely they are the very sweetest leaves in our memory-jar! The thought that with all the self-sacrifice, self-effacement of two years of tireless work on the Grand Council, our Grand Council officers should willingly, or rather gladly and proudly, take up new terms of office, for the love of Kappa Alpha Theta, — this thought is a constant marvel to us humbler workers in the fraternity.

May every delegate keep the fire of fraternity loyalty burning brightly on her chapter altar,—and may no other Convention ever bring a brighter future than the "Fifteenth Biennial Grand Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta."

MARGUERITE CAMPION, Alpha Beta.

The Entertainers

When on Wednesday, August nineteenth, Miss Wickson stepped off a train in Minneapolis, Convention week opened for the Minneapolis Thetas. With characteristic western adaptability that memorable week outgrew its calendar limits and stretched to eleven or twelve days. That long anticipated, eventful, but to us unknown phenomenon "Convention" was a fast materializing reality. To have our Grand President attend our last meeting of a series preparatory to Convention was an honor and a marvelous help to us. On Thursday Miss Cockins arrived and from the two officers we learned what important business was to come up in sessions, some of their suggestions to be proposed for the fraternity's consideration, and many entertaining reminiscences of Grand Council trials and joys during the past two years. The doors of the inner chambers were being unlocked to admit us! On Saturday Miss Green and Miss Eagleson reached the city but were soon swallowed by the Grand Council meeting, so that we did not have the opportunity to become acquainted with them as we had with our President and our Treasurer-Editor. Monday brought Mrs. Marvin chaperoning a group of eight who came from Chicago on the same train. From then until Tuesday noon every train brought more travelers to Theta's chosen Mecca for this year.

And many travelers there were; at least one hundred and twenty-two Thetas attended Convention, as that number sat down at the banquet. About fifty-two of those were initiated in Upsilon chapter although many of them should now be credited to Beta Alumnæ. Two others initiated in Lambda and Delta respectively should also be credited to Beta Alumnæ. Psi chapter was next in numbers, having ten present. Eta deserves congratu-

lations for sending eight, while Kappa and Tau should be proud of their four. Omega and Epsilon Alumnæ each had three representatives. A large number of chapters sent a delegate and one visitor.

Looking about the room full of fraternity women, there came to one's mind the expressions "the ideal Theta," "the typical Theta." Are they mythical or real? If "the ideal Theta" does not exist we are well content with an approximate one known to all at Convention. What an apt illustration of a mathematical variable constantly approaching its limit is a Theta constantly approaching the state of an ideal Theta. If "the typical Theta" does not exist we might represent her by a composite photograph of all delegates and visitors. The length of nose and shape of mouth might not be clear but the expression denoting intelligence, nobility, earnestness, dignity and geniality would be very distinct.

To any chapter considering the advisability of undertaking the entertainment of a Grand Convention, we strongly urge the attempting it if there are eight or ten members who can be in the city for three months preceding Convention and who are willing and capable of taking the responsibility. With these as an executive committee, other assistants will appear as by magic. Most heartily we recommend having sessions and delegates centralized in one hotel. Time is too valuable at such a season to waste going and coming many times a day between home and session hall, as our resident Thetas soon realized. The pleasures and profits that the entertaining chapters may derive from Convention are immeasurable. Not the least is the advantage of having every member of the chapter familiar with the business of Convention, conditions in other chapters and the personality of the Grand Officers. All these things are usually confined to the delegate. The reunion of the chapter's alumnæ is an added pleasure that counts for much.

As soon as the last session had adjourned the guests started for trains and for a few days we said good-bye to someone as each train left the city. Then we realized that in a week we had grown to know and love those Thetas that so short a time before were only names to us. After all, the real value of a Convention is in meeting and knowing Thetas of all chapters in that close and beautiful relation possible within the fraternity.

We appreciate the honor that the Grand Council and other chapters did us in coming to Minneapolis, and we thank you heartily for giving us the privilege and pleas-

ure of entertaining Convention.

CLARA E. FANNING, Beta Alumnæ.

Thoughts of a Stay-at-home

She lay idly swinging in her hammock, with a wistful little pucker between the eyes. It would have been so good to go to Convention. Fraternity meant so much to her, and several of her chapter would be there. But it could not be and her only comfort was in just thinking about it all—the big room full of eager happy women, all interested in each other and all with the same active consciousness of fellowship.

Then she began to go back of all that to the home of the fraternity at large, to the necessary condition of a fraternity's existence, the college itself. When she left her home eight years before, to try this new life, her great ideal had been to become a loyal college woman, to give all her young strength and mind toward the attainment of culture and character, and the furthering of her college interests. It was all so new and strange at first, she was too bewildered to do anything but feel her way. Gradually she learned to love certain faces and watch for them. Then - the same dear old story she became a Theta. Everything had more meaning now, and the four college years were crowded with work and love and responsibility. When commencement came, with its conflicting lights and shadows of accomplishment and separation, it was from the fraternity girls that the separation hurt most. Her home was in a distant city, and visits at rare intervals were all that she could hope for. The four years since graduation had only served to deepen those friendships, and one Convention experience had renewed all her young enthusiasm.

But the essential daily lines of her life — how had they been marked by those four rich eventful years? She was an only daughter and home needed her. She was still old-fashioned enough to feel that those first and dearest educators held highest claim. But there was much time to use as she would, and now in looking back over the past busy useful years since college days, it was very dear to her loyal heart to realize what a vital influence her college life had imparted to the later years. That little band of incorrigible, ungrammatical youngsters would never have pulled at her skirts and begged for one more story, if she had not learned to understand and love College Settlement work while at college. Now she knew the glad satisfaction of bringing some sunshine once a week into lives less favored than hers.

An added sunshine too, had come, through her quiet power, into her own home circle. She loved every inch of the dear familiar rooms, but her courses in Art, History, and Literature had taught her the beauty of high living and thinking, and each succeeding year found new books and pictures bringing an added refinement and charm to the comfortable home. Her father began to realize that she had studied political economy to some purpose, and forgot his hurry at the breakfast table in his interest over an argument about some question of the day. She seemed to infuse into all her work and play, social and domestic, that irresistible, optimistic energy which had become part of her nature. Never for one moment did she belittle the possibilities of culture and breadth of thought in the woman without a college education, but as she lay there in the hammock, idly reminiscing, the thought that seemed uppermost was, "I wonder if with all our thought and right love for our fraternity, we ever lose sight of the great all-embracing mother of all fraternities, the college."

Shall Representation of Alumnae Delegate at Convention be Optional?

A new interest has come to be recognized in the government of many of the fraternities—the alumnæ chapters—and the interest of the alumnæ is being more and more counted on as a source of moral and financial strength. This movement is rapidly growing and is appreciated in all progressive fraternities. The alumnæ are and should be directly felt in the government of the fraternity.

The great advantage of alumnæ representation is that it enlists the active interest of the alumna in the national organization as well as in her own individual chapter, keeping her in touch with the fraternity and its problems. The chapter where the sending of a delegate to convention is obligatory, is made to feel it has a responsibility in the management of the fraternity and it is less likely to lose interest than the one where the sending of a delegate is optional.

We must acknowledge that a certain laxity of interest would be encouraged among alumnæ chapters were the optional sending of a delegate to convention in practice, on account of our as yet imperfect organization — of our inexperience and of a proneness to let the intimate knowledge of fraternity affairs drop out of our life soon after we leave college.

There are many reasons that lead up to the diminishing of the feeling of personal concernment. The alumnæ have new interests to crowd out the old ones—many have homes to take up time and attention, while others are concerned in all kinds of educational work, and the fraternity, as they knew it in college, becomes one of their pleasant memories. Right here the alumnæ chapter steps in and claims their attention. Their in-

terest is revived—they become enthusiastic Thetas again, but, now, instead of their thoughts being centered on the one chapter to which they belong, their minds and hearts reach out to the good and welfare of the fraternity as a whole. It depends on the alumnæ chapter they join whether this newly awakened interest is fanned into life or whether it is allowed to waver again.

The first interest of the alumnæ chapter should be the fraternity — the second interest of the alumnæ chapter should be the fraternity. In short its whole interest should be centered in the solving of the problems of the

fraternity - in its improvement and welfare.

The only way to encourage alumnæ chapters to take an active interest along these lines is to give them a responsibility—an active share in the workings of the fraternity and to take it for granted that they will look upon this work as a pleasant duty to be performed conscientiously and thoroughly, for no chapter would wish to exhibit a lack of zeal or spirit in convention, as a feature of its organization.

We cannot afford to lose the help and advice the alumnæ are able to give at convention — and this would undoubtedly happen should the sending of delegates become optional. There are at present only ten chapters and we need a representative from each one of them. All progressive organizations are being more and more governed by their alumnæ. Are the members of active chapters old enough or experienced enough to assume the responsibility of governing, unadvised, unrestrained, the affairs of the fraternity? Are they sufficiently mature to be left alone to decide upon the problems that arise not only in their own chapter but in the fraternity at large? Are they fitted to work out the highest welfare of the fraternity without the supervision or aid of those who have reached maturity of thought and breadth of ideas?

No, we do not think so, and for this reason we want the help and the power which is to be gained only by a personal interest and the personal presence of a delegate from each one of our alumnæ chapters.

The crowning glory of a fraternity is the women it sends forth into the world — for the helping and training and ennobling of women is the reason of its existence.

The fraternity has a right to be proud of the achievements of its daughters. Their development and success are its development and success, and to make the most of them, the fraternity must keep in close touch with their alumnæ. These are the women we wish our active girls to meet and to know intimately and we want the individual interest of each alumna in the active chapter.

In order for the alumnæ to be of the greatest service to the fraternity they must have knowledge of the proceedings that take place in the convention and of the problems and questions discussed and settled—they should study and know where improvement is most needed and how to bring about the necessary reforms that will carry out the fraternity's ideals.

To request delegates from alumnæ chapters to be present at the conventions, giving them a share in the government of the fraternity, is one of the best ways of encouraging among the alumnæ the acquiring of this knowledge which is in itself the mother of interest, and of creating "the interest that is the mother of beneficence." And this interest will assist in more than doubling the strength and power of the fraternity.

IRENE E. PARKES.

The Permanent Value of a Convention

Just now when the convention enthusiasm is at the top notch in the chapters, it may be well to consider what constitutes the permanent value of the biennial convention, whether it be to the chapter or to the individual girl. Each Theta remembers with a thrill of joy, the home-coming of the delegate, twice experienced in her college life. The late-comer was pounced upon, begged to begin at once, and she talked and you talked for two whole days and nights. And after that for the whole year she was your Encyclopedia of Fraternity Affairs; and when you asked, she could answer (for hadn't she taken a deeper draught than you of fraternity experience?), and there was never any excuse for her, if she did not know her chapter-roll (for hadn't she learned it in concrete terms?), nor was she forgiven if she could not quote verbatim the ruling of each session (for hadn't she helped legislate, herself?).

But, for the chapters, as chapters, this should not be the end and aim of the convention, this soon exhausted interest, the first year after, and the dilatory preparation for the next one to come. The Grand Council meetings stand for the executive mind of the fraternity, while the convention represents the democratic spirit,—the legislative power—of the whole. Its legislation shows the trend and degree of progress of the fraternity, as a cardiograph shows the heart activity of an organism, now even and normal, now fast, now fluctuating. The uneven zigzag of the experimenter's lever on the smoked paper shows a weakness, a depletion or unnatural stimulation of the heart, and sooner or later the whole body will suffer; so also thoughtless, hurried legislation shows a weak link somewhere in the chain of

Theta hearts, which will have its effect in decreasing the power and influence of the convention.

The convention is an artificial stimulation, but a delegate must get her inspiration from her chapter and bring this vitality to the convention, just as truly as she would take new ideas and renewed enthusiasm from the convention, back to her chapter. She must come prepared, and her chapter must furnish her that preparation. She must know her chapter, she must stand for it, a composite of the whole, and then she can voice its sentiments with assurance and effectiveness. If however she must give her own unpremeditated opinion, and think out her answers as she writes or speaks, she will be one of the unbalancing factors of the convention.

How shall she know the spirit of her chapter? A chapter must hold conventions of its own, where all members can freely discuss the large and small problems of fraternity life, where a sentiment fair and just, noble and worthy will be formed, and the delegate representing this chapter will go away to the convention with a mature and sane judgment, a reason for her position on every problem, well versed in fraternity history and policy, the embodiment of her chapter's spirit.

The convention, and in the ultimate sense, the status of the fraternity, is what the delegate makes it. The spontaneity, and lasting enthusiasm, the whole-souled, intensive interest, and, may I say it, the consecration to the highest purpose, and the perceptible growth toward the Best, of the convention spirit is an outgrowth of the chapters; which in turn receive their impetus from the quality and degree of power generated at the convention. For the permanent value of the convention depends upon the whole-souled determination, chapter for chapter, to better what was last done.

American Women and American Colleges: A Review

An article by Jane A. Stewart in the Booklovers' Magazine for October on "Women's Colleges and their Women Executives" is of such interest to the college world in general that a short review of it may not be out of place in these pages.

The paper traces the growth of educational institutions which have women students, from the Civil War, when Oberlin College, open to them since 1833, was the only one, to the present time. Today there are more than four hundred and fifty colleges and universities in

the United States open to women.

There are three distinct types of institutions for the higher education of our women, — the independent college for women only, which type is found preëminently in the east, Bryn Mawr and Smith being excellent examples; — the compromise type, annexed to the men's colleges, Radcliffe and Barnard, also in the east; — and the co-educational type, best represented by the State Universities of the middle west. Of these three types the third is the one which is of the most vital interest to us as fraternity women, for of our twenty-two chapters we have but one in an exclusively woman's college, and one in an "annexed" college.

To quote what the author says of our co-educational colleges; — "Of all the types of institutions for the higher education of women, the co-educational is most interesting at the present moment. Its advocates claim that it is the ultimate type, and that the other two are simply stages in educational evolution. Aside from the educational theory which maintains that women and men are mutually benefited by association in lecture room and laboratory, co-education is supported by that strongest of arguments, economy. President Jordan, of Leland

Stanford, sums up the educational theory by claiming that women do more work, in a more natural way, with better perspective, and with saner incentives, than when isolated from the influence and society of men; and that other things being equal, through association with women in the class room the young men are made more earnest, and improve in manners and morals."

On the other hand; - "The movement toward coeducation in colleges, which was apparently sweeping so triumphantly forward, has recently been checked in a manner which is most surprising to those who had ceased to consider the question as a practical debatable issue in the educational field. For some reason not entirely clear the institution which has led the vanguard of progress, Chicago University, has provided separate classes for women of the freshman and sophomore classes. At the same time President Edmund J. James, who has recently assumed the administration of Northwestern University. one of the ancient strongholds of co-education, has expressed very plainly his fear that the University will be "feminized." With such men as President Harper and President James revitalizing the controversy, which many had regarded as a dead issue, the co-educational question is doubtless entering upon a new and possibly vigorous phase of discussion. It is interesting to note in this connection that the attitude of the men students towards the "co-eds" in some colleges is apparently changing. It is the testimony of graduates of certain Western colleges that in social functions the college girl is now systematically ignored by her male associates, and that girls from outside the college circle are chosen as companions at dance, dinner, and general social gatherings. Whether this latest phase is a simple temporary reaction from a tendency which has apparently swept resistlessly over all barriers toward universal co-education, or whether we have now reached the limits of co-educational efficiency. is a question which cannot be answered at present."

Miss Stewart, after having discussed the wide choice of educational advantages presented to the prospective girl student, selects the prominent women presidents and executive heads of our colleges and gives most appreciative and interesting accounts of the lives and deeds of such well known figures as President M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr; Miss Irvin, Dean of Radcliffe; Dr. Gill, Dean of Barnard; Miss Caroline Hazard, President of Wellesley; Miss Mary Woolley, President of Mt. Holyoke; and among Western co-educational institutions, Marion Talbot, Dean of Chicago University; and Dr. Martha Foote Crow, Dean of Northwestern University.

All of these women are either college graduates or have received degrees for special work in American and foreign universities, and while the article leaves us uninformed as to whether any of them are fraternity women, we can easily believe that at some time in their careers the fraternity ideals have been brought prominently before them.

This review is but an attempt to introduce to Thetas one and all this interesting and well-written record of women who have worked for our colleges, and to prophesy that you will gain much pleasure and profit by a perusal of the article itself.

Delta District -- President's Letter

It is with sincere pleasure that through this first number of our new volume of Kappa Alpha Theta I send greetings to Delta District and to all chapters of the fraternity. With the 15th Biennial Grand Convention, Delta District, as such, appears for the first time, upon our chapter-roll. May this alteration in the district lines of boundary serve to bring each chapter more intimately in touch with the entire Theta world and may the history of Delta District be one of earnest effort for the welfare of the fraternity.

That Kappa Alpha Theta may well be proud of the wonderful growth and noble achievements to be recorded in the past thirty-three years of her history is evident to us all, and the last convention brought to all in attendance a delightful realization of this truth. As it has impressed us anew with the true worth of our kite and of all for which it stands, the convention has inspired us with limitless enthusiasm and an untiring energy in an effort to attain to a greater degree than ever before the ideals set forth by our charter members.

As the convention has emphasized the truly noble purpose of our fraternity, shall we not, each one of us, consider it an honor and a privilege to aid in every possible way the advancement of this organization which has given and is now giving so much to us? The advantages which the fraternity brings to a college girl are inestimable and as we have gained, so should we be willing and anxious to give. It may be that already some chapters have, through the beautiful initiation ritual, admitted the chosen Freshmen into the inner circle, and as the feeling of responsibility comes to these new Thetas they will recognize the real worth of the fraternity. Our fraternity will grow with the advancement of

each individual member, and every Theta must share the feeling of personal ambition for her chapter and for Kappa Alpha Theta. Any sacrifice which we may make for the fraternity will in some way bring us a benefit which will more than compensate.

The convention has brought to us most strongly a knowledge of the true value of Theta as it has shown us unselfish workers for her cause.

ANNA E. HARRISON.

Toast "Our Fraternity"

Given at the Convention Banquet.

Our fraternity! How shall I set forth her charms? In the midst of this beautiful and inspiring scene I ought to be able to say something very fine. During these convention days you have all become so enamored of her that in order to eulogize her in a manner acceptable to you I should need the eloquence of a Webster, the wit of a Chauncey Depew and the wisdom of a Solomon.

Our fraternity possesses so many charming qualities that it is difficult to select those that are most characteristic. The oldest Greek Letter Fraternity known among women,—age adds a charm and flavor to many things, notwithstanding the opinion of the fair sex to the contrary,—and Kappa Alpha Theta is one maiden, at least, who is always happy to tell her age.

Her ritual — I cannot conceive of another more beautiful and impressive. To witness an initiation is to receive a spiritual uplift and to realize that, however high we may have arisen, our fraternity still points to higher and more exalted attainments.

To those who gather about her shrine she teaches that "not failure but low aim is crime." Her devotees recognize the sacredness of service and within her mystic circle there is no place for selfishness or petty strife.

Her social aim is broad enough to meet all the demands of this altruistic age, and her moral code is the very kernel of Christianity.

Her mission is to mould young womanhood into the well-poised, strong, reliant woman who shall be free from bitterness whatever may come. Her mission is to nourish self-sacrifice, patient courage and sweet charity. Her mission is to purge away the dross so that the pure gold of character may shine forth. Her mission is to prove

that life may be a joy and a benediction as well as a noble strife.

The poet Wordsworth must have had an ideal Theta in mind when he penned the following lines descriptive of a perfect woman:

> "The reason firm, the temperate will, Endurance, foresight, strength and skill, The perfect woman; nobly planned To warn, to comfort and command And yet a spirit still, and bright, With something of an angel's light."

Enthusiasm is a very precious thing and ought never to be dissipated. May the enthusiasm of this occasion be crystallized into an abiding purpose to lift higher than ever before the black and the gold, and with increasing luster to pass on to coming generations of college women that which has been so precious to us.

ADDA COE SKINNER.

Rushing Contracts

Will contracts diminish rushing? This is an allimportant question to every chapter of any fraternity. Judging from the experience we have had at Albion it seems to me that the Convention's action on the rushing problem, was a most wise one.

By recommending an asking-day three months after registration, we are making the period so long that a strenuous rushing is impossible, and long enough to become well acquainted with the new girls in a natural way.

For two years we have had a contract at Albion, which places the asking-day on the second Wednesday of November, making a season of nearly two months. It is quite evident that this is not long enough, for although it was effective the first year, last Fall witnessed a far more strenuous, undignified, and protracted season of rushing than has been known in the college for some time.

I am gaid to be able to say that Theta's chapter was the least guilty of all, as we felt that we were strong enough to adhere to our principles of moderate rushing.

The only objection to the long season is, that it deprives the new girl of a few months of fraternity life just at the time when she is most in need of it. But cannot we overcome this objection by making our influence upon the non-fraternity girls, especially those who may become Thetas, such that they may derive considerable benefit from coming into contact with the fraternity girls, even though they are not themselves in the chapter?

To define rushing is almost an impossibility, and contracts which undertake to solve the difficulty by specifying exactly what shall, and what shall not be allowed, have proven, I think, to be failures. I believe it is safe

to say that no hard and fast rules will ever counteract the evils of rushing, for there will always be some loop-

holes of interpretation.

From this fact, the benefit of an advisory council is quite apparent. The alumnæ of the local chapters meeting with some of the active members, cannot but tend to set a dignified standard for the method of gaining new members, and tend, also, to make the ideals of the different chapters in the college more in harmony.

I hope that the time is not far distant, when every fraternity, and every individual member, will be determined to moderate the strenuousness of rushing, for then, and only then, can that end be accomplished.

EDITH BOLSTER, Pi.

CONVENTION AS SEEN THROUGH THE DELE-GATES' EYES

Omega

It has always been a feeling of mine that our two chapters here in this state on the western border of our continent have found it more difficult than have the other chapters to keep actively in touch with the plans and problems of our Executive body and the chapters East of the Rockies. We read the reports of the Grand Officers and the chapter letters with the feeling always that we are separated from them by great geographical distances, and it seems to make our little colony almost a unit by ourselves.

During the last two years we have been helped very much by the presence of two of our Grand Officers within immediate reach, and the meeting of the Grand Council in Berkeley a year ago did a great deal to widen our view of the fraternity.

When I arrived in Minneapolis for the Convention and joined the bevy of girls at the hotel, the feeling that I belonged to them by a bond extending all over the country almost overwhelmed me at times. It was such a new and lovely thought to feel that here were more than a hundred girls, all wearing the kite, and although all but a handful were total strangers, all ready to welcome me as a sister. On a much larger scale, I felt as I did when I was initiated into my own chapter and met for the first time all our alumnæ, who before this had been strangers to me in all but name.

Not only the active but the alumnæ chapters grew nearer as I met their representatives and heard the discussions in Convention on alumnæ affairs. It made me realize as never before the growth of our fraternity numerically in the years since our initial chapter was founded in Indiana. A new conception came to me of the scope and breadth and number of problems that the fraternity must face as a whole—problems that cannot be fully solved unless the chapters act conscientiously and with true fraternity spirit as individuals and as chapters.

I realized more than ever the absolute necessity of harmony among the chapters, never brought out so strongly as at Convention times—a harmony which doesn't necessarily mean unanimity of opinion, for in that case we should all lose our much-needed individuality, but a harmony which will show that the result most wished for by the Grand Council—oneness in aims, purpose and ideals—has been brought about. As I talked with the different delegates in our few leisure moments, the fact that we were all working toward the same end, although sometimes by widely different methods, strengthened my own well-grounded faith in the fraternity and made me prouder than ever to be a part of it.

Eta

"Theta United" was throughout the watchword of our recent Convention. All tendencies toward a spirit of provincialism were entirely absent. The greatest good to the fraternity at large was the prime object of every discussion. On every side was seen that esprit de corps which prompts individual sacrifices when necessary, for the good of the whole. The results of the Convention will inevitably be seen in a still closer union of our various chapters, a uniformity of opinion on all vital questions, and an ever increasing sense of the strength and dignity of our national organization.

And the banquet! At no other time was the spirit of "Theta United" so all-pervading. The pansy-strewn tables, the Theta songs, the toasts, the flickering candles lighting up the faces of those whom an acquaintance of

only three days had made our fast friends,—all these combined to make the occasion one which every visitor will cherish among her happiest memories. Surely each Theta rose from the banquet table prouder than ever of the kite which she wore.

Tau

The phase of the Convention which appears to me worthy of mention above all others, is the Grand Council, if the members of that body will allow themselves to be considered as a phase.

I think each of us was surprised at the amount of work planned for us by our Convention programme, to be done in so short a time, and I know that we all admired the manner in which our Grand Council officers made it possible for us to accomplish it.

The conciseness and compactness with which each detail was arranged, the careful and ably directed fore-thought which was represented, called for an admiration which grew constantly as we worked together with these loyal leaders of the fraternity.

Not only had they been wonderfully successful in their work of placing our organization upon a firm business and financial foundation, but, because they possessed the true Theta spirit, they had been able to show us by their example what real, unselfish sisterhood means.

Iota

One particularly pleasing feature of our Convention was the delightful manner in which we were entertained during our stay in Minneapolis. The thoughtfulness, manifested in so many ways, which brought about everything possible for our comfort, makes us most grateful to Upsilon chapter and Beta Alumnæ.

The banquet with its official recognition of the social life of the fraternity; the courteously extended interest of the other fraternities, and the thoughtfulness of our local chapters formed a pleasant and important phase of an altogether successful Convention.

Alpha Delta

At the opening session of Convention, the reports from all official delegates, both active and alumnæ, gave us a clear insight into the personality of each chapter and showed us their points of resemblance and difference. In a great many instances, we received valuable suggestions. From our active chapters, we realized what our fraternity is now accomplishing in college life, and what more we should be doing, in order to send out into "the wide, wide world" women of a finer type, than ever before. From our alumnæ delegates we were given incentives to embrace every opportunity and do what we can while college life is ours. We already realize that our chapters strengthen each other. We may depend upon each other for support and encouragement. But let us not forget that individual chapters help to make up this great organization and on our each doing our part, it depends for its maintenance. We are proud of it. Let us not for one moment allow it to cease being proud of us.

Alpha

The one thing that impressed me most of all at the Convention last summer, was the beautiful Theta spirit manifested in every action. I think that the wonderful amount of work accomplished within the few days was due in a very large measure to the perfect harmony which existed throughout the Convention. First of all where could one find a Grand Council better trained for fraternity work, or whom the fraternity would or could love and revere more than Miss Wickson, Miss Green, Miss Cockins, and our three loyal district presidents? Every question, every discussion was so frank, so good-natured that not even in the most vital questions — when the decisions were so adverse for some, — did an unhappy

or disappointed spirit show itself. We all agreed with Miss Wickson in her opening address that it was for "the greatest good to the greatest number," that we were assembled.

With such an intense feeling of real, true love, who could help appreciating the earnest, hard work of our Grand Officers, who have given their undivided efforts to the welfare of Theta? Who could help sympathizing with the various chapters in their individual needs and deficiencies, or rejoicing with them in their strength? One could not be present at such a Convention and not return to her chapter full of enthusiasm and deep love for Theta and her ideals.

Delta

The feature of the Convention which impressed me most deeply was the realization of the responsibility which rests upon each chapter, and the great necessity that each chapter do its duty in order that we may be a strong national organization.

Intercourse with delegates from chapters scattered from the Pacific to the Atlantic brought me into a closer sympathy with them and made me appreciate that we are members, not merely of a chapter but of a general fraternity as well, whose national reputation we of each chapter must maintain in the college world.

The report of the Editor of the Journal made me feel as I never had before how important it is that our chapter letters be worth reading and that they be in on time. In financial matters we must not be too self-centered but bear in mind that the general fraternity as well as our individual chapter, needs our heartiest coöperation and support.

Alpha Zeta

I have often heard that one of the most prominent and charming characteristics of western people was their

cordiality and hospitality. At the Convention this summer, I am sure all Minneapolis proved itself true to this reputation. Every member of the home chapter was untiring in her care for the comfort and amusement of the visiting delegates. No traveler arrived too early in the morning or too late at night to be met by a smiling group of Thetas. Nor did their efforts cease when the last dusty visitor was piloted from her train to the hotel! Then came the completion of their plans for trolley-rides, receptions and, in fact, everything that could be crowded into the few minutes left between business sessions.

During our short stay in the city we were enabled to meet chapters of three other national fraternities. At these receptions the greetings of our hostesses could not have been more cordial under any circumstances. Perhaps it was the influence of the Convention spirit, which I am sure every delegate felt, that made us look above the petty trials and rivalries of college life. Or perhaps it was the combination of this influence and the natural western spirit of hospitality. But whatever the cause, I am sure everyone felt that she had had a taste of that true interfraternity feeling which we are ever talking about and ever striving for but never yet have been able to enjoy to its fullest extent.

Dear Theta sisters, can we not take home to our chapters enough Convention spirit and enough of that magic charm of Westerners to instill in each and every one of our sister Thetas a living and flourishing bud of that true and only right interfraternity feeling? The best thing I could wish for every college would be to have the greetings between Greeks as cordial and heartfelt as were those we exchanged with the three fraternities we had the pleasure of meeting in Minneapolis.

Epsilon

One thing noticeable at the Convention was the cordial reception given to Kappa Alpha Theta by the

chapters of the other sororities represented in the Minnesota State University. It was a very pleasant diversion to spend an hour or two between sessions in meeting so many other representatives of the Greek world. Kappa Kappa Gamma gave us our first reception at the home of one of their Minneapolis Alumnæ members. Gamma followed with an evening reception at their chapter house, which we were all glad to have the privilege of seeing, especially those of us to whom a chapter house is a forbidden enjoyment. The members of Alpha Phi also gave us the opportunity of meeting many of their members at an afternoon reception. We found them all charming hostesses and felt sorry that we could not give more of our time to becoming acquainted with them. Delta Delta Delta and Gamma Phi Beta sent their good wishes for a successful Convention in two huge baskets of flowers tied with black and gold ribbons, which occupied prominent places in our banquet hall and in the convention assembly room the next day.

We all hear and talk so much about the ill-feeling and rivalry existing between the various chapters in a college, especially during the rushing season, that it certainly made one rejoice to see the expression of so much good will in Minneapolis, and wish that such conditions might become perpetual and universal.

Alpha Beta

There were many noteworthy features of the Convention, but that which impressed me more than anything else was the installation of officers the last day we were together. For two years our fraternity has been prosperously guided by five women who have worked faithfully, unselfishly, and unceasingly for Theta. Our national organization has been greatly strengthened by their services, which have taken much time and labor, but which were rendered freely and joyfully. When the fraternity asked them to continue in office, we were grate-

ful, indeed, that with only one exception they were able to comply with the request. Happy is Theta in being led by such noble and capable women. May the devotion shown by these members of our Grand Council be a lasting inspiration to us all. As they do their great part, so let us each do our small part, remembering that the responsibility of our fraternity rests not only with them but with each and every Theta.

Kappa

It is hard to select one of the many phases of the Convention. A significant fact was the interest evinced by the chapters of other fraternities at the University of Minnesota, and many expressions of cordiality were received from them during the week in which the Convention was in session in Minneapolis. The delightful receptions given to us by Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, and Delta Gamma were among the many manifestations of good will from our friends and rivals. That it is possible for friendship and rivalry to co-exist in the Greek world is shown by these acts of courtesy and we feel that Pan-Hellenism is to be strongly encouraged.

Upsilon

Never, until a girl has attended a fraternity convention, can she know what her fraternity may mean to her. She has been "wooed and won" by a little circle of a dozen girls whom she has learned to love. They all reverence the same ideals; this she knows. But the national fraternity, the great organization of which her chapter is only a part, is a very vague reality to her. At a national convention she gets a birds-eye view, so to speak, of the fraternity as a whole. The importance, the dignity of a sisterhood which can hold the love and active interest of women long out of college comes upon her with a vital reality. The Grand Officers become real women to her. The girls from other chapters step out of

their dream-existence in magazine letters and chapter reports, and behold!—they are just such girls as she already knows and loves. They are just as ready for fun; and they too aspire to those same ideals for which her own chapter is striving—in short, they are true Thetas. From the date of her first convention, I think every girl must find her fraternity a thing definite and living to her—a reality to work for, commanding loyalty, and inspiring reverence.

Lambda

The Convention delegate had the opportunity of seeing the machinery of her fraternity at work. Things before rather vague, and details not well understood, were viewed then in a new and clearer light.

By no means the least influence which the Convention delegate received was that of meeting personally some of the noblest women in the land, and teeling that they were interested in her and she in them. This was extremely uplifting and when she remembered that these fine types of womanhood have been guided by Theta ideals, her heart was kindled with fresh enthusiasm and renewed determination to live a life worthy of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Psi

The delegates at the Convention were impressed with the idea of Kappa Alpha Theta as a national order, as an organization working for the best things attainable in college life. The spirit of the Convention seemed to be that of fostering valuable and worthy friendships, attaining the broader view of life problems, and creating an earnest desire in all members to grasp eagerly but unselfishly all the good that a college course offers in experience and information.

By thus upholding high ideals and useful working standards, the Convention made the delegates feel the dignity of the fraternity and its utility in actually promoting the attainment of the things that are worth while.

All feel how important is each chapter's small part and still more each member's part in the national organization. The delegates fresh from the Convention are full of the thought of personal responsibility. Conseuently, when taking in new members, a chapter must imbue each individual with the idea of upholding the standards of Kappa Alpha Theta, not alone ministering to the momentary needs of the chapter.

EDITORIALS

Alpha Beta chapter wishes to express a sincere appreciation of the privilege of editing the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal. Such thoroughly earnest capability has marked all of Miss Cockins' work that the present editor is both proud and reluctant to follow her. The strongest guarantee of success will assuredly be the good will and ready assistance of "every Theta in the land." The very limited time for the preparation of this issue must be its apology for any unavoidable tardiness or omissions.

So rich in progress and significance was the Fifteenth Biennial Convention, that we have felt justified in devoting practically all of the November issue of the Journal to a resumé of the business and social results of the Convention. These biennial meetings are the external witness to all the strength and influence of the fraternity. collectively and as individuals, and it is right that all members should have an opportunity to know of the work accomplished. It is peculiarly gratifying to see the increasing list of Alumnæ chapters, a practical demonstration of the growing interest and support to be expected from the alumnæ. The Journal wishes to extend a very cordial greeting to our new alumnæ chapters, Nu Alumnæ, at Wooster, Ohio, and Xi Alumnæ, at Kansas City, Missouri. In view of these additions to our chapter-roll, the advisability of having four districts instead of three is self evident. It lessens the power and direct influence of a district president if her field of labor is too extended. This ruling of Convention is one among many signs of Kappa Alpha Theta's progress and growth.

Especial attention is called to the minutes of the Second Inter-Sorority Conference, as found on another page. The significance of this movement toward a gen-

eral agreement as to pledging new students is of such vital importance that no fraternity member should fail to follow its progress. The much discussed harmony among rival chapters can never be attained without an authorized, comprehensive agreement among all the Sororities. It will be a source of gratification to every Theta to know that our delegate, Mrs. Laura H. Norton, was reappointed chairman for the meeting, which was held at Chicago on September 19th. To her is due our lasting gratitude as having so ably represented the fraternity's attitude toward this vital question.

If a fraternity arithmetic were to be edited the first rule and definition might be embodied in these words—A fraternity is composed of three factors: its individual members, their loyalty, and the practical demonstration of that loyalty. Enthusiasm without effort is as unproductive as a cloud storm without rain, and is not worthy of any woman who wears the Theta pin. The Journal is the leading tangible bond among our members, active and alumnæ, and it is only by their support that the Journal can be published. The members of each active chapter have a personal influence with their alumnæ which it is impossible for the editor to gain. Our plea is for each Theta who reads these words to prove her loyalty by personally soliciting at least one subscription for the Journal. Will you try?

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA - CORNELL UNIVERSITY

After the summer's rest, Iota has returned with renewed vigor to college and to all the strenuousness that college life implies. Great was our surprise to learn that this fall, in spite of our terrible experience of last winter, there is an increase in the registration of both old and new students. It is the wish of all true Cornellians that this year, so brightly begun, may prove the best in the history of the institution.

Although we of Iota were widely scattered during the summer, the heart of each and every one of us was surely in Minneapolis during our Convention. Now, after many talks and reading of papers and programs, the meetings, the receptions and the banquet seem a part of our own personal experience.

A few happenings occurred too late last spring for publication in the May Journal. To Iota, one of the most enjoyable events of the years was the short visit, early in May, from Mary McClure Hobart, Iota, 'oo. Theatre parties and chafing-dish suppers were only secondary to the cosy little chats that brought back to the younger girls the Iota of former days. On the fifth of May, at the home of Cecilia and Grace Law, '92 and '93, we had our annual tea, this year given in honor of Mrs. Hobart. In retrospect, the afternoon seems a dream of May flowers, dainty gowns and delicious ices.

But lest our sisters think that we are addicted to frivolity alone, let them look over last year's Phi Beta Kappa elections. Iota may well be proud of her two representatives, who were the only fraternity girls among the ten chosen for the honor. To our great regret, Mabel Hale, 'oi, has taken her little key and departed for the

wilds of Wisconsin, but we are happy in the fact that Susan Moses, '03, has returned to take her Master's degree in Latin and, incidentally, to help make life pleasant for Iota. The dear sisters who went away last June have left a void which 1907, with all its interesting possibilities, has, as yet, failed to fill.

The compact, formed last spring between three of the four sororities at Cornell, moderating rushing and appointing November eighth as asking-day, has, so far, done away with the mad rush and unpleasant intensity of interfraternity rivalry and we are hoping that it may become a permanent institution at Cornell.

With our hopes high for the coming year, we send best wishes for the prosperity and happiness of all in Kappa Alpha Theta.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD.

LAMBDA - UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

It is with heartiest greetings that Lambda welcomes her Theta sisters after the long summer vacation full of its pleasant scenes and memories.

The opening of college finds us in a new home with only six active members, but we hope to increase our number soon. We have a most pleasant chapter-room at the home of Mrs. Robinson, one of our Alumnæ from Cornell, and are looking forward to a happy, and we hope, prosperous year.

It is almost needless to say that we are all glad to get back to our work, but still we miss our three Seniors who left us last year, and Sarah Dean, a Sophomore, who has gone to the Teachers' College of New York.

At present we are especially interested in the Freshman girls, of whom this year's class brings us twenty. An informal reception, given by the Y. W. C. A. at Grassmount, and a joint reception, given by the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A., were among our first opportunities to meet all of them. Beside these receptions the chapter has given

an informal tea at Ruth Bond's, and an evening reception, which took place Friday, October second, at the Misses Nelson's, two of our alumnæ, who did their best to give all a good time. A part of the evening was spent in progressive games, and then every one took "An Automobile Trip" from Burlington to San Francisco, by way of a guessing game.

Up to the present time but two girls are wearing the golden letters K A θ , Margaret Harmon of Shelburne, Vermont, and Gertrude Thompson of North Brookfield, Massachusetts. We hope, however, to be able to introduce others in our next letter.

The new year finds many changes in our faculty, and a great deal of interest in the Centennial Celebration which is to take place next spring. Prof. Howes, who has been away a year, has returned from his work in Greece and is most gladly welcomed by all the old students.

Lambda wishes all Thetas a year full of success.

CHI - SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The active members of Chi have returned from the vacation with renewed enthusiasm for their university and for their fraternity. The outlook for Syracuse University has never been brighter than it is now. Two new buildings are in the process of erection, Haven Hall, a dormitory for women, and a large central heating plant. Last summer a new wing was added to the Library. The Chancellor has announced, lately, a gift to the library of an annuity of \$6,000.

The Freshman class numbers over eight hundred, the largest in the history of the university.

Without doubt a change in the system of rushing is being brought about at Syracuse. It will be remembered that, a year ago, Gamma Phi Beta and Kappa Alpha Theta announced their intention of postponing pledging until the beginning of the second semester.

This year Alpha Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Psi Upsilon have decided to follow the same policy.

We are proud to tell you that one of our girls, Grace Baird, has been chosen president of the University Y. W. C. A.

The first Sunday in the chapter house was a happy day for the Thetas of Chi. Maud Millington was with us for the first time since her serious illness of last winter. At the same time we enjoyed a visit from one of our alumnæ, Helena Evans.

The report of the Grand Convention, brought back to us by our delegate, has been a great inspiration to us. Our conception of Kappa Alpha Theta is grander than before, our love for her is deeper and our desire to work for her sake is stronger.

MARY L. COOK.

ALPHA BETA - SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Heartiest greetings from ten loyal Alpha Betas! The changing leaves have brought us all together again with that curious problem to face, a new year of fraternity life and companionship.

The year has been restfully quiet for Alpha Beta so far, due to an inter-sorority contract against rushing in all forms. This pledge, supplemented by a March 1st asking-day, tends to smooth out the hard problem of rushing here at Swarthmore.

The year has been equally quiet in a social way. The fortunate delegates from Alpha Beta held an informal "Convention" evening for the chapter and several alumnæ on the 23d of September. First came the whole story of the Convention which the delegates tried to unfold, and later on, over an informal spread, a heart-to-heart talk of everything and everybody at Minneapolis.

Alpha Beta wishes to express right here her sincere appreciation of the honor laid upon her in placing the "Journal" in her keeping, — we can say simply — "Our heart is in the work."

We are glad to welcome to our circle another Beta alumna, Miss Goodbody, who is to be private secretary to the President, — our band of town alumnæ is growing stronger every year and adding new confidence to our active chapter, ever puzzled as active chapters are bound to be, by hard situations and unforeseen questions. Some day we may even rival Alpha Gamma or Tau in our town alumnæ! On Monday evening, September 28th, Miss Goodbody invited us to meet Miss Ednah G. Henry of Beta chapter, — at the same time the seven Indiana men who have come to our college were received, and we felt suddenly transported to the University of Indiana and "old De Pauw." It was pleasant to hear all the talk of Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Kappa Alpha Theta in Indiana.

Our interests now in a college way all turn to football,—the daily practice is the centre of attraction. On the 3d of October Swarthmore plays its first game on the home field, and the season closes with our "Haverford Game" on November 21st. This is our gala-day; there is nothing else like it in the history of the year. Every fraternity has a coach decked out in the colors and filled with an excited party of actives and alumnæ enroute for Haverford, some fifteen miles across the country.

Alpha Beta extends you all the good wishes of the harvest season — may every chapter be blessed in its work and play!

MARGUERITE CAMPION,

ALPHA DELTA - WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

Alpha Delta sends greetings to each chapter of Theta and wishes for every one a happy, successful, and helpful year.

We of Baltimore come back this year sadly missing

our seven seniors, who went out into the wide, wide world last June, but with even more than our usual enthusiasm, we are determined to make this year the best one in our history.

The fraternities here are going to try the success of spring pledging in order to do away with that "pellmell" rushing which usually takes place in the fall. Large rushing parties have been abolished, and the usually bewildered and monopolized Freshmen are to be allowed to study and have plenty of time and breathing space in which to find their right places. It is thus hoped that some of the evils of rushing will be eliminated and the honor and dignity of the fraternity idea maintained.

We are very glad to have with us Bess Burnham of Mu chapter. We think that Allegheny's loss is Baltimore's gain.

On Saturday evening of October the third we initiated Mary Adams, a sophomore who from lack of the required number of hours could not join the fraternity last year.

Last May, too late for the Journal letter, we took into our circle, Helen Hamilton Stevenson of Wellsville, Ohio.

This makes our chapter-roll number just twelve. But with each heart beating with love and pride and enthusiasm for Kappa Alpha Theta, we look forward to the coming year with the brightest hopes.

MARY HOUGH.

ALPHA EPSILON - BROWN UNIVERSITY

After a summer of rest and pleasure, we of Brown gathered together again on September the seventeenth. At the first chapel service, our Dean made an announcement of the action taken by the corporation of Brown University. The gist of it is that we, the Women's College in Brown University, have at last been made a part

of the university; that we now have certain members of the university corporation and faculty to look after us and that we may ask for support from the university, or offer it to her. This condition has been developing for years while the Women's College has been practically on probation.

The first social gathering of the year was the reception, given by the Young Women's Christian Association, a function occurring the first Friday evening of the fall term, for the purpose of introducing the freshmen to the upper-class students and to each other.

This reception being over, the principal subject of general interest at present is basket ball. Each class is forming a team which will practice excitedly and faithfully until the tournament shortly before Thanksgiving, when all the classes play for the trophe cup.

Last spring it was found impossible to make the interfraternity contract, providing an asking-day, which we have enjoyed for the last two years. For this reason the Thetas, as well as all the fraternity girls here, have been leading a strenuous life since college opened. Although the members of the active chapter are inexperienced in this method of headlong rushing and necessarily early asking-day, and feel inclined to dislike it, we find it quite a relief to see the end in view so soon. We have won, so far, three girls, whom we expect to make good Thetas. Our efforts this year have consisted in our usual party and entertainment, this time a curtainraiser and a little play, to the Freshman class, and a rush party at the home of one of the girls. This is all we have done as a fraternity. — we feel that individual rushing is so much more effective.

Perhaps I ought to mention the house party gotten up this summer by some of the Thetas living in and about Providence. It was very successful—the girls had a beautiful time and became better acquainted in a more intimate way, an element of college life which we living at our homes or boarding in the city, are so unfortunate as to miss.

S. DEV. PACKARD.

ALPHA ZETA - BARNARD COLLEGE

After our summer of pleasure and rest Alpha Zeta sends greetings to her sister chapters.

This year opening exercises were held in Earl Hall, on which occasion both President Butler and Professor Peck delivered addresses. This formal opening, marking the beginning of the 150th academic year of Columbia University, was a new feature of our college life. The year finds improved facilities for athletics at Barnard. On our new field, Milbank Quadrangle, the Trustees of the college have laid out two tennis courts and two basketball fields. To this is due the renewed enthusiasm for athletics, particularly tennis, among the students.

In the small circle of our chapter, too, we are prosperous. We have a bit of news that we have proudly kept secret since May. Elizabeth Bradford, who entered Barnard from Vassar last February, was pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta late in the spring. She will soon be initiated. We are sorry to say that our ranks are broken by the absence of one of our Juniors and one of our special students, both of whom did not return to college this fall.

Our prospects this year are very bright. Alpha Zeta has taken a six-room apartment on 118th street, about five minutes' walk from the college, where three of our girls and Miss Crane of Eta chapter, who is teaching in the Morris High School of New York, will live. This change from further down town to a location within easy reach of college, gives the chapter a great advantage. With this cheerful and pleasant chapter home, the year presents a prosperous outlook for Alpha Zeta. May it be filled with success for all Thetas.

HELEN WILKING COOLEY.

Beta District

ALPHA - DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

I wish to extend Alpha's love and greetings with the hope that all sister chapters begin the year with the same enthusiasm that fills our hearts.

The summer vacation was a most delightful one for us who live at Alpha's home. There were twenty or more of us, counting active members and those who have graduated since 1900, and we held weekly meetings at the homes of the different members, under the name of "The Theta Summer Club." These meetings were purely social, yet we discussed plans for the coming campaign.

Last commencement the girls generously subscribed to a house-furnishing fund, the money for which they were to earn in various ways. Besides the additions in the interior, the girls found on their return this fall, a large colonial veranda and a new coat of paint added to the chapter house, with everything fresh and inviting.

Thus we started out on our rushing campaign with hope in our hearts and money in our pockets. We shortened our usual three weeks' contract to a nine days' rush to lessen the strain and expense. Among the "functions" we had, were a "Free-For-All," a porch party, a buffet luncheon, a chafing-dish party where one of John Kendrick Bangs' farces was given, and a six o'clock dinner.

Our contract ended Wednesday, September 30, after the other sororities had pledged. And now we take pleasure in introducing to you Elizabeth Dougherty, Margaret Tribolet and Charlotte Tribolet, of Bluffton, Frances Wales of Converse, Emily Ballard and Emily Gould of Marion, Lewis Pigman of Delphi, Elizabeth Bushnell of Monticello, Stella Worthington of Hampton, Va., Jessica Manlove of Connersville, Louise McCabe of Crawfordsville, Mabel O'Hair and Jean Allen of Greencastle, Norah Trimble of Rushville, Ill. — all fine girls proudly wearing the black and the gold.

We have scarcely settled down to hard work yet. Our interests just now are centered in our football team, of which we are very proud.

With our new president, Dr. Edwin Hughes of Malden, Mass., and several new instructors, we feel that this year is to be a successful one for the college.

RUTH BAKER.

BETA - INDIANA UNIVERSITY

We of Beta chapter are full of happiness and enthusiasm over a most successful rushing season and our bright prospects for the coming year, and we hope that for every Theta chapter the future seems as rosy.

We are but sharing the prosperity of the university which has opened this fall with an increased attendance and enlarged curriculum. The faculty has for the first time made definite rules governing fraternities and chapter houses, but as these rules are practically those which we have always tried to observe, we feel that they will be helpful and in no way interfere with the entire liberty which Indiana students hold dear.

Eighteen "old girls" arrived early, ready and eager for work and fun. Among them are Jessie Span of Alpha who has come to Indiana to complete her college course, Edna Johnson, '98, a post-graduate student and Instructor in Latin, and Edistina Hendricks who spent last year with Chi. We are delighted to welcome these unexpected additions to our chapter.

And now "tired but happy" after the pleasure, excitement and work of the "rush" we proudly present our ten loyal initiates, — Genevieve Brown of Monticello, Juliette Crittenberger of Anderson, Mary Snodgrass of Marion, Clara Lewis and Ruth Woodsmall of Indianapolis, Mary and Ruth O'Hair of Brookville, Leona Had-

ley of Bloomingdale, Ailine McCurdy and Lulu Kemp of Bloomington.

MARGARET SNODGRASS.

EPSILON - WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

When we of Epsilon met again in September and remembered that three months had gone since our last meeting, all agreed that the summer had been a short one. We were afraid it was going to be hard to start in a new year without last year's seven seniors, but we find that the thought of them is a continual inspiration. So we are working together, few in numbers, but strong in faith in Kappa Alpha Theta. During vacation we learned to realize that this fall eight of us must do the work of fifteen. Bertha Warren, one of our Juniors of this year, left Wooster to attend an Art School in Cleveland, but Mary Sanborn who had not been in college for a year, returned. Our meetings seem small in our large hall, but we expect soon to add to our number Mary McClelland of Pittsburg, and Laura Anderson of Rochester, Pa., both members of the class of '06, whom we have already pledged.

Last June, among the unusual number of reunions held here was one of Theta alumnæ. You can imagine how glad we were to see these people of whom we had been hearing so much ever since the day we were pledged. Our town alumnæ entertained us royally at a luncheon and we returned the favor by a reception in our own hall.

Epsilon is in high spirits this fall and sends best wishes for a successful year to all the other chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

ETA - UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Much of Eta's news dates back to last June. Commencement week saw many of our alumnæ with us. Nearly all the active girls stayed in Ann Arbor during Commencement week to welcome these old friends and to see all we could of our nine seniors before they too had to leave.

On Saturday we lunched at the chapter house. After lunch we sang all the good old songs and several gay new ones. We had such a good time that we were loath to part at evening.

Next day we breakfasted with Mrs. Walker. We tried to sing again, but after the gay rollicking songs had given out and "Deep within our hearts united," was begun, the girls one by one slipped out to be found later with wet eyes buried in the curtains. The parting with our nine dear seniors was too near.

While the girls were here, a "House Fund" was started. It was raised considerably by the enthusiastic alumnæ present. We hope to raise enough money soon to pay for a lot, then find some one, who will build for us and pay for the house in rent. The alumnæ seemed most enthusiastic about it and each one present gave very substantial proof of her fraternity loyalty.

One Saturday during Summer School, a number of

Eta's girls met at Belle Isle for a picnic.

College opened September 29. We were all here a week before and now have seven pledges: Helen Douglas Mead of Escanaba, Michigan; Regina Kingman, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Annette Elizabeth Wood of Chicago; Margaret Dresser of Detroit, Michigan; Esther Harmon of Toledo, Ohio; Elizabeth Dean of Ann Arbor, and Louise Hills of Lombard, Illinois, sister of Grace Hills, '04.

Eta sends best wishes to her sister chapters. May the coming year be a happy one, filled with loyalty to our fraternity.

MU - ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

"Old Alleghe" has opened her doors this year to more students than ever before. The Freshman class is one hundred strong; there is a total of about four hundred. Surely this means work and success, too, for

Kappa Alpha Theta!

Thetas are hard at work, both with college duties and fraternity rushing. The latter, however, is not the work of former years, as Kappa Alpha Theta together with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Chi Omega are experimenting with a term contract, which means that invitations are to be extended on the first Monday of the winter term. So far, we are enjoying the relief from the usual strain of short contracts and rapid rushing. No entertaining has been done in the name of the fraternity as yet, and the usual term party will probably be all that will be done. Three of the alumnæ have entertained by small afternoon or evening parties of a very informal nature. Beyond this, the rushing has consisted in getting acquainted with the girls personally, which method is proving a more satisfactory one than the old way.

Mu's chapter-roll is decidedly small to begin the college year. Of our fifteen girls of last year, one is in the faculty of our preparatory school, three are teaching in neighboring high schools, one has left us for Baltimore, another has entered Drexel Institute of Philadelphia and three are at home, leaving but six to comprise the chapter for this year. Three months later, if attended by the hoped for, and usual Theta success, our chapter will be restored to its accustomed size. May the success Mu looks forward to, come to all of Theta's chapters.

LETTIE JOHNSTON.

PI - ALBION COLLEGE

Another vacation has rolled past, the college year has opened, and we of Pi chapter are ready and eager to work for the fraternity, whose name we bear. May you all, dear Theta sisters, have a most successful year.

We start our year with seven in the chapter, having lost by graduation two of our strongest girls, Mary Cooper and Alice Wixom. We are glad to have Clara Belle Shaffer with us, after an absence of two years; but regret the absence of Lucy Gardner, who is spending the winter in Washington.

One of our "old girls," Lena Hunt, is teaching near Albion, and we look forward to having her with us at our meetings this year. Edith Bolster, our Convention delegate, gave her splendid report last Saturday evening, and the remaining time was spent in reminiscences and plans for the future. It seemed so good to be together once more and to be able to talk over Theta interests.

The prospect for new material seems very bright, and if the beautiful days continue we shall be the more able to carry out our idea of individual rushing, by showing the new girls the beauties of our college town.

We are planning a rushing party, to be given in the near future, to which all seemingly eligible girls are asked. Our modus operandi is this: At this first party (our rushing contract admits of but two) we mentally select the best girls. These are asked to the second party and if they prove to be the girls we desire, they will be invited to join the fraternity. We feel that our strength lies in our individual rushing, and this is never carried to excess.

Several additions have been made to our faculty. Prof. Demorest comes to us from Kansas, to occupy the chair of Latin, Prof. Woolbert comes to the chair of English, Prof. Chase to the Conservatory and Prof. Ransom to the Art Department. Prof. Chase has been invited to give two organ recitals at the St. Louis Exposition next year.

GENEVIEVE M. POPE.

ALPHA GAMMA - OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Gamma sighs contentedly as she realizes it is time for the year's first letter to her sisters. She complacently settles her black and gold draperies about her, and smiles at the tiny faces of the pansies she wears, as she tries to choose the words with which to express her happiness. How small those sheets of paper look, when she has so much to tell. It might all be told in two words however — "Perfect contentment." But that does not give you the names of our initiates nor tell you about our beautiful initiation. It was held on October 2d at the home of one of last year's pansy buds, and all Alpha Gamma and Epsilon Alumnæ were there. There are six of the new Thetas: Mary Boharmon, Helen Hunt, Frances Patterson, Meta Khe, Ellen Brown and Edith Jackson, all Columbus girls. Ours was the first initiation of the year at Ohio State University, and we have now settled down for the winter's work and play, hoping to do the work in such a manner as to deserve the play.

It means much to our happiness that many of the old girls of Alpha Gamma are going to join Epsilon Alumnæ this winter.

This year there are nearly two thousand students at Ohio State, and many new professors. We have a handsome new Engineers' Building called Brown Hall.

Alpha Gamma sends her love and best wishes to all her sister chapters.

ALICE ARNOLD THACKER.

Delta District

DELTA - UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Another year has begun, and very auspiciously for Delta chapter. We are fortunate in having so many old girls back. There are twelve of us in the house, five of whom are seniors, and six juniors. One of the seniors is Mabel Davison of Eta, who took her junior year in the Library School in 1900, and who surprised and delighted us this fall, by coming back to get her degree. Helen Taylor is also in the house. She graduated in 1902, and was elected last spring to teach Rhetoric in

the university, of which honor we are justly proud. We have just received word, too, that we are to have another member of Eta, Leila Love, added to our list of seniors.

We have something else to tell about, that is a great source of pleasure to us, and that is our first experience in having meals served in our house. Mrs. Wildman is our matron, and she manages everything concerned with the kitchen and dining room, relieving us entirely of housekeeping worry. It makes a different place of the Theta house, doing much to bring about that home atmosphere, that we are striving for, and that makes college life helpful as well as enjoyable.

Naturally this first month of college is an exciting one; for the rushing season is on in full force. There are not many new girls this year, whom we are anxious to pledge. There are a few, however, whom all the fraternities are rushing. We have had only one rushing party so far, a spread, in the chapter house, the first week of college. Mrs. Trevett, one of our patronesses. gives us a formal dance on October second, and we give another party October ninth. Mrs. Nell Trevett Finch, one of our alumnæ, expects to give a dinner party for the new girls soon. We have found it very much easier to rush this year than ever before, for we are together so much more. Every evening after dinner we sit around the piano and talk over our plans and our hopes. We are so happy to be all together and under such favorable circumstances, that we almost dread to enlarge the circle.

Our Convention delegate is enthusiastic over her trip. We all wish we could have been there to imbibe the same enthusiasm that she brought back, for enthusiasm is a necessary qualification of a good Kappa Alpha Theta.

FLORENCE E. PITTS.

KAPPA - UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Three weeks ago the girls of Kappa chapter, thirteen strong, began another year's work with all the non-resident members under one roof for the first time. Already "the house" seems like a real home for Kappa Alpha Theta, with its generous gifts of furniture, pillows and pictures from the alumnæ. We threw open our new home Saturday, September 19th, to the faculty women and the new girls of the university. This annual reception, which is our only function during the "rushing season" and which serves our purpose of becoming acquainted with the new girls far better than did our old time "rush parties," is fast gaining favor in university circles.

This, our third year of the non-rushing experiment, is bringing us such good results that we have decided our policy is a good one. We still have our anxious moments but we are learning the lesson of patience, and we feel that our efforts are rewarded when we introduce the girls of our choice just pledged. They are Helen Havens of Minneapolis, Kansas; Hedwig Burger of Kansas City, Mo., and Helen Schaeffer, Alverta Bingler, Flo Shanklin, Alice Rankin and Elizabeth Wagstaff of Lawrence. With the added strength these girls will bring to our chapter and the helpful suggestions and enthusiasm which our delegate brought us from Convention, we are happy and very hopeful for the success of the coming year.

Just now we are joyfully anticipating a visit from our district president, Anna Harrison, one of Kappa's dearest and brightest sisters, whose election at the recent convention is a source of pride to us all.

The kind thoughtfulness of our four girls who brought to us, as a token of their Convention trip, a beautiful Theta loving cup, is thoroughly appreciated by all the girls of the chapter.

The last few days have been darkened by the sorrow

of one of our sisters, Myrtle Baldridge, who was called home by the death of her mother. We shall feel very keenly the loss of one of our seniors from the house, while we are sympathizing with her in her sad bereavement.

To our sister chapters we send from Kappa many good wishes for the coming year.

DARLENE DOUBLEDAY.

RHO - UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The Rho girls are still talking of the summer just past and comparing their various experiences. Two of the girls, with an older Theta for a chaperone, had a cottage in Colorado, and the girls of the chapter had a standing invitation to visit them. Besides the Rho girls, they met Thetas from several colleges, both active and alumnæ, and the good old fraternity talks they had were actually inspiring.

We all came back unusually early this fall and were moved into our new house by rushing week. The house this year is more modern and cosy than our old one and we are all delighted with it. Eleven girls have already become established there.

The mad whirl of rushing week is past and a very successful whirl it was for us. We have seven of the dearest pledges — Faith Hoel, Mildred Post, Minnie Swezey, Louise Woodruff, Camille Hall, Georgia Field, and Mary Morgan — every one of them worth the anxious moments they caused. Mildred Post is a Theta sister, brought up in the faith, but the rest are venturing into unknown places.

The evening of September twenty-sixth we had open house for our freshmen and for three hours the rooms were well filled. We expect to have our formal pledging ceremony September thirtieth. The date of initiation is not yet settled but will probably be sometime soon.

A new fraternity was established at the University

of Nebraska last spring — Alpha Omicron Pi. This addition makes seven women's fraternities represented here. The Pan-Hellenic organization formed last year will continue through this, and we hope to keep up the good interfraternity spirit existing here.

We have not yet had our formal Convention report but our delegate gives us very enthusiastic accounts of it.

Rho sends greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters.

TAU - NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The first week of regular work at Northwestern has passed, and everyone is settling down to college duties. Our rushing has been very successful, and half the glory is due our enthusiastic alumnæ. Elsie Russell and Sarah Yount of Indiana, and Florence Pond of Minneapolis, are our three new pledges. Of the other pledge-girls, only Jane Dale is coming to college. This fact has made us feel how unsatisfactory it is to pledge before there is some certainty of future initiation.

There was a likelihood of the sophomores being the upper-class Thetas, for Ruth Balmer suddenly decided to go to Vassar, leaving seven of us from last year's chapter. We were joined by Mabel Currer, a freshman two years ago, and whom we rejoice to know. Later our delegate decided to be active, and is our only junior. The crowning glory, our senior, is Miss Soulé from Leland Stanford University. "It's an ill wind that blows no good." So, Phi sisters, if it is hard to lose a senior, remember that she is being appreciated in Tau.

With a strong chapter of fourteen, we will endeavor to keep up Theta's high standard, and we hope that the inspiration from the Convention may leaven our chapterlife this coming year.

RUTH DALE.

UPSILON - UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Upsilon has again entered upon the nine long months of college work; but this year we have started more eagerly and enthusiastically than ever and nine months seem but a short time in which to accomplish all that Convention has inspired us to do this year. Only the chapters who have entertained Convention can realize what the last one meant to us of Upsilon and now we shall reckon all fraternity dates from "the year we had Convention."

Rushing followed close upon Convention and we have now eight pledglings to introduce to the Thetas. We hope that in about a week they will be loyal initiated Thetas.

Minnesota has several new buildings this year and a new athletic field on which we are sure that our team can accomplish wonders, and we hope that this fall as usual we will see something of the girls of other chapters when our football teams meet.

The girls of Upsilon send greetings and many wishes for a successful year.

Josephine Thomas.

PSI — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Since the university has been opened but a few days, there is very little to write regarding university life this fall. However, there has been one general meeting of faculty and students, at which President Van Hise, who was elected last spring, gave his opening address.

Arranging the chapter houses and meeting new students have been the principal interests to fraternity members, and we have all been hard at work for over a week. Psi has leased a comfortable house at 212 West Gilman and we have twelve girls living in the house, while several others take their meals with us. Miss Pauline Shepard of Iota chapter, is our chaperone. We have a

housekeeper who has entire charge of the kitchen and dining room. We are leasing the house on our own responsibility and are trying to get all business matters on a business basis, with one member as house-treasurer.

Five girls are pledged to us, two of whom were pledged before this fall. We are delighted to have Leilah Pugh, an active member two years ago, back with us this year.

One can see the influence of the Convention very strongly each day, as problems in fraternity life arise. We are looking forward very hopefully to making this a year of great profit and pleasure in both fraternity and college life to all members of Psi.

RUTH STOCKMAN.

Gamma District

PHI - STANFORD UNIVERSITY

This year the university is beginning to assume an appearance of completion. Although much remains to be done, the outer quadrangle has been given over to our use and the university has assumed mammoth proportions.

The short "rushing" season of four weeks has ended and we are proud to present to you two pledglings who will soon be loyal wearers of the kite: Mary Moore, Pasadena, Cal.; Georgina Lyman, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

We came back to college sixteen strong and the addition of these new members will almost fill our house. We hope to bind the girls together by stronger ties than ever before and to make our chapter this year one strong perfect unit. Grace Lavayea of Upsilon, is with us this year and is adding her strength to ours.

Jessie Mac Farland from Rho made us a short visit of two weeks during "rushing season."

Stanford has had the good fortune of witnessing in its own assembly hall two plays presented under the

direction of the Elizabethan Stage Society. Mr. Greet himself has the company under his personal supervision. Several days before the presentation of the plays Mr. Greet came down from San Francisco to talk to us about the old morality play, "Everyman," and Shakespeare as known in "Twelfth Night."

At first the morality play appealed to the audience rather in the light of a very strange and rare piece of work. But as it progressed, a change came over the spectators. They began to see and feel the sober earnestness and deep meaning of the play. There were tears in the eyes of many as Everyman, clad in a pilgrim's garb and bearing the cross, went on his last journey with Good Deeds and Knowledge, his faithful friends who followed him to the grave and made clear his final reckoning.

The next evening, Twelfth Night was presented and we saw it as people did in Shakespeare's time, with no external assistance of beautiful scenic effects.

The troupe was entertained by the fraternities and sororities. We had one of the actresses, a charming English woman, at our house. The members of the company were unique and interesting figures on the campus during the short time they were here.

It has long been known that Stanford could support a greater number of sororities than it does now. We are glad to say that we have the possibility of having Gamma Phi Beta among us. A number of girls banded together under the name of Gamma Beta are now applying for a Gamma Phi Beta charter. This will give us five sororities, four national and one local.

OMEGA - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Our California skies and sunshine and the site of our university on the hills facing the bay, are all so Grecian, that the spirit of the old Athenians has entered into us, and we have built a theatre to Dionysus. Like good Greeks, we have built the seats into the side of a hill, sloping down to the stage. Back of the stage is a tall, grey concrete wall, held by granite pillars, which you might readily imagine to be the front of King Admetus' palace. The whole theatre is this same granite-shade of concrete. As it follows the lines of the hills, it is simple and majestic. It is the gift of our new friend, Mr. William Randolph Hearst, who has made it large enough to accomodate all our friends — at least eight thousand of them.

But the site is not a new one. We have often sat on this same hillside, and looked down upon the antics of our seniors, in their celebration of class day. The same eucalyptus and dark fir trees are just tall enough to look in upon the tiers and tiers of semicircular seats, and our old friends, the sparrows, chirped with Aristophanes "Birds," when we dedicated it all to Dionysus.

To show that we are western Greeks, we welcomed Ben Greet and his London company, just two days after the presentation of Aristophanes; and we laughed again, this time at "Twelfth Night," given as Shakespeare would have staged it. A week later, the French "Phèdre" was presented by the students. So California has had her gala day, joyful and typically western.

President Wheeler has long wished for student government, so the seniors have just taken the first important step in that direction. They have received from a faculty committee the power to decide all lesser questions of discipline. From now on it will be theirs to advise under-classmen, but if their advice is not followed, the

penalty will be fixed by the faculty.

The fates have been just as kind to our smaller Greek world. We have heard good news from the east from Miss Katz of Cornell, and Florence Ansley of Minneapolis. Omega has been very glad to welcome eight new members, Kelsey Paterson, '05; Irene Taylor, '01; and six freshmen, Marian Craig, Meriam Edwards, Margery Lynch, Marjorie Paterson, Cornelia Stratton, and Marion Walsh.

Edith Rutherford Evans.

Alumnae Department

ALPHA ALUMNAE - GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

To other Alumnæ chapters Alpha sends greetings and hopes that the coming year may bring as much enpoyment along literary and social lines as we are anticipating.

Our chapter consists of 32 members including the seven new ones, all enthusiastic and loyal Thetas.

As is customary our meetings are held at the homes of the members each month. We are fortunate in having among our number many who are prominent in the literary life of the town, among whom are Professors' wives, teachers in the university and in the high school.

Our program for this year is unique in that it deals exclusively with women prominent in the different phases of literature and art, for instance the subject of Women Historians was presented in our first meeting and in our last meeting we discussed Women Biographers.

The leaders of these topics are expected to discuss the subjects without papers, which adds to the interest greatly.

We have been very much interested in the rushing season just brought to a close with glorious victories for our local active chapter.

These victories have inspired us with new enthusiasm and we wish you might all have an active chapter near you.

ETHEL MCWHIRTER.

ZETA ALUMNAE — INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Zeta Alumnæ chapter sends her greetings to Thetas and to the Journal, with enthusiastic wish for the best measure of success in the selection and speedy acquisition of strong new girls by active chapters, and the happy reunion of the older ones who compose the alumnæ chapters.

Our own chapter has just had its first meeting for the year, and the coming together again was a happiness indeed, save that there was regret in all our hearts over the loss of one of our girls whose steps the naughty cupid has decided to turn towards far away New Mexico. Each loss we deplore, for there has been so much of real pleasure in our mutual companionship.

We are to consider this winter, the aims and purposes and, so far as is possible, the actual workings of leading Indianapolis commercial and charitable organizations and institutions.

This, we believe, in broadening our information about these interests, will broaden our sympathies as well and teach us a little of how "the other half" is living. In almost every organization, some one of our members has had occasion for especial interest and in some instances for active work, so that our plan promises much.

We had a most interesting account of the Convention from our delegate and were indeed happy to know the Convention was such a success. We are glad to know that the spirit of conservatism still presides over our destiny and we shall be truly interested in the particulars that come to us later—concerning the many things we could not have time to hear about in one afternoon. May the inspiration of the Convention be widespread in its influence, and may we go forward with earnestness and ambition to keep our standards high and determinedly strive for them—for

"Not in vain the beautiful Ideal Slips ever from our eager grasp apart, But, striving towards it from the barren Real We grave its holy image on our heart."

BETA ALUMNAE - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The fall's organizing and planning have seemed such

possible things to do this year in the afterglow of Convention enthusiasm. And how we shall study to prolong it!

We hope to have a membership of twenty, our first meeting to sound the ground held out a promise of that number. And it is our preference to discontinue the literary portion of our program and to substitute definite study along the lines of Theta's organization, policy and problems. While the next two years may not develop fraternity economists, we hope for strides in that direction.

Profiting somewhat by Delta Alumnæ's experience, we shall include among the good times for the year a bi-monthly luncheon at Donaldson's tea room, to which an invitation will be extended each time to the active girls. We shall have a charmingly appointed room to ourselves, separated from the rest of the lunchers, where as in the days of Anne, whom three realms obeyed, we may

"Sometimes council take - and sometimes tea."

And so the year begins with a forward look to growth in fellowship and unity.

JUSTINA LEAVITT WILSON.

IOTA ALUMNAE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Iota Alumnæ extends most cordial greetings to all sister Thetas.

Our first meeting will be held Saturday, October the third, when we shall make our plans for the year and hear the report of Edith Hill, our Convention delegate.

Although many of our members were away for the summer, those who remained in and near Los Angeles managed to meet at a number of pleasant affairs. In place of the usual reception given for the Stanford and Berkeley girls by the alumnæ chapter, Sada Johnson invited the chapter and the members of the active chap-

ters who were in the city at the time, to spend the day at her delightful summer home at Santa Monica. All who were present have since made the less fortunate ones envious by their enthusiastic accounts of the good time they had.

We enjoyed seeing Charlotte Walker and Katherine Viet, both former members of Eta chapter. Zella Fay entertained in their honor.

A very delightful school for young girls has been opened this fall by Miss Ida Lindley, one of our number. Miss Lindley has been in private school work for some years and those who know her predict great success for her undertaking.

From the number of wedding invitations received this summer one realizes that Dan Cupid has been busying himself with Theta affairs lately. Iota Alumnæ has had her share of his attentions. We lost one of our most valued members by the marriage of Isabelle Godin to Leroy Anderson, June the fourth. Mr. Anderson is president of the Agricultural College lately opened at San Luis Olispo.

We are to have five new members. We realize what a loss this means to their active chapters but their loss is our gain this time.

MAUD PHILIPS.

IN MEMORIAM

Whereas, In God's infinite love which passeth all understanding, it was His will to take from us our dear friend and sister, Elizabeth Eames Willits, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Alpha Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, deeply sorrowing in our loss, extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That we bear witness to her noble life, so full of simple womanliness and the "grace of living," her loyalty to her fraternity, and her tender love for every member of her chapter; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Alpha Beta chapter, and a copy sent to the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal for publication.

MARGUERITE CAMPION,
ANNIE S. HAWKE,
ALICE ROBERTS SULLIVAN,
ALICE LIPPINCOTT BOOTH.

PERSONALS

Iota

The marriage of Nina Angell, 'oo, to Mr. David Roe of Ithaca, took place in June.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Kathleen Connor, '98, to Lieutenant Matson of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Preble, Maine.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Mabel Calder Dobbin, ex-'98, to Arthur Low Bailey, at Fairport, New York, September third.

It is announced that the marriage of Harriet Bishop, '03, to S. Edward Rose, Cornell, '98, of Elmira, N. Y., will take place November fourth at Hartford, Conn.

Mabel Hale, '01, is teaching Latin this year at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Mabel Hornbrook, ex-'03, is studying vocal music in Chicago this winter.

Chi

Mabel Parker, 'oo, is teaching at Spring Valley, N. Y. E. Alice Cunningham, 'o3, is teacher of English in the high school of Gouverneur, N. Y.

May Baker, '03, is teaching English at Chittenango, N. Y.

Bertha V. Knapp, '03, is teaching at Willsboro, N. Y. The engagement of H. Lucille Baldwin, '02, to Mr. George Van Slyke, Delta Upsilon, is announced.

Nina Paxson is teaching in Springville, N. Y. Eva Smith, '03, is teaching in Groton, N. Y.

On September twenty-third, at Herkimer, N. Y., occurred the marriage of Camilla Quackenbush, '03, to Mr. F. U. Christman.

Among the delegates at the Y. W. C. A. Conven-

tion held at Silver Bay last summer, was Grace N. Baird, Chi.

On August nineteenth, at Hudson, N. Y., Mabel Ramsay, '02, was married to Dr. James T. Van Burkalon.

The wedding of Alice E. Hosley, ex-'04, to Mr. Harry Merritt, Phi Kappa Psi, took place October four-teenth, at Ulysses, Pa.

Maisa Parker, ex-'04, is teaching at Central Square.

Alpha Beta

Elizabeth E. Willits, '99, died in Venice, Italy, on June 30th, 1903. She was traveling with a party of friends, among whom were Anna and Mary Lippincott, '00 and '01. Her parents reached her but a few days before her death. The funeral was held at her home in Glen Cove, Long Island.

Edith Coale, '02, returned September 26th from Europe where she has been traveling with her sister

since April.

Anna Lippincott, '00, and Mary Lippincott, '01, sailed for America on October 22d, after traveling abroad with their family for five months.

Miss Louise Goodbody, Beta, '02, is acting as private secretary to President Swain at Swarthmore. She is

living with Mrs. Swain, also of Beta chapter.

Miss Ednah L. Henry, Beta, '94, spent several days with Miss Goodbody at Swarthmore. Alpha Beta is glad to welcome so many western Thetas.

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth B. Miller, '95, to Franklin T. Nevin, Delta Kappa Epsilon, '90, at

William College, who lives at Sewickley, Pa.

May K. Flannery, '01, and a member of Gamma Alumnæ, has spent the summer traveling through England, Ireland and Scotland.

The wedding of Lydia B. Clothier, ex-'00, to John Maxwell, Jr., Amherst, Alpha Delta Phi, took place on October 24th.

The engagement is announced of Eva Foster Firth, '98, to Walter Webster of Lancaster, Pa.

The home of James and Mary Broomell Hull, '92, was gladdened by the birth of a daughter, Ruth Passmore Hull, April 8th.

Mary S. Ash, ex-'97, was married on June 11th to Herbert Jenkins.

A little daughter was born, August 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Clement M. Biddle, Jr. Mrs. Biddle was formerly Grace Brosius, '97, and is now living at Pittsburgh.

Alpha Delta

Nancy C. Nulton, '03, is teaching in the high school of Cumberland, Maryland.

Jean Dobbins, '01, Ida Evans, '02, and Margaret Hukell, '03, enjoyed a pleasant trip together in Europe and the British Isles this past summer.

Ida Evans, '02, has accepted the position of Professor of Biology in Rockford College, Illinois.

Anna Thace, '03, is teaching in the high school of Sheridan, Pa.

Eta

Five of Eta's girls have married this summer. Sybil Stewart, '02, was married in June, at her home in Spokane, Washington, to Robert Sterling, Alpha Delta Phi from Yale. Irene Stoddard Baker, '00, was married early in July to Mr. Gustafson, a member of Lewis Institute. They will be at home at 395 Warren Avenue, after October first.

Early in August Jeannette B. Blanchard, '01, married Fredrick John Steuber. Their home is in Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

Jessie Gertrude Harris, '94, was married August fourth to Dr. Frank P. Backman. Their home is in Athens, Ohio.

Harriet College Waller, ex-'97, was married October seventh to Herbert King Oakes, '98, U. of M. They will be at home after December first, at The Effingham, Palmer Avenue, East Detroit, Mich.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Henry Cheney

has been brightened by the birth of a son.

Helen Post, '03, has been spending two weeks in Ann Arbor. She has been of great assistance to Eta in

her rushing.

Charlotte Walker, '00, and Katherine Veit, '96-'98, spent the summer traveling through the west. They visited Laura Eames, '02, at her home in Old Orchard, Mo.; Kathleen Anderson, '04, in Salt Lake City; Lina Smith, ex-'02, in Berkeley, California, and Zella Z. Fay, '04, and Maude Philips, '01, in Los Angeles, Cal.

Margaret Jones, '01, is teaching in Mt. Clemens,

Michigan.

Maude Philips, 'or, is teaching in Idylwild, Cali-

Dorothea Nourse, '99-'01, is teaching in San Angelo, Texas.

Frances Boynton, M. D., 1903, is practicing in New

Haven, Conn.

Olive Blanchard, '03, is teaching in Marquette, Michigan; Elsie Sawyer, '03, in Joliet, Ill.; Una Palmer, '03, in Big Rapids, Michigan.

Cora Wells, Charlotte S. Bissell, both of '03, and

Mrs. Bissell sail for Europe early in November.

Myra Post, '95, is recovering from a long illness of typhoid fever.

Clara Wilson, '85, is in Philadelphia teaching in the

Montgomery Terrace School.

Ethel W. Burt, ex-'04, is to graduate from the Los Angeles Normal School in February.

Grace Holmes is teaching in Kenton, Ohio.

Kappa

Maud Bates, '03, Louise Smith, '02, Hazel Fassler

and Helen Smith, all of Topeka, and formerly members of Kappa chapter, have visited at the chapter house since the opening of the university. Hazel Fassler will probably re-enter at the beginning of the second semester.

Helen Williams, '03, of Kansas City, spent two weeks

with Lawrence Thetas.

Maud Brown, '02, was the guest during the first week of college of Nelle Wilhelmi of Lawrence.

Bertha Badsky, who has been away for two years, re-entered the university this fall.

Inez Cross, Kappa, of Neodesha, was the guest of the Thetas at Lawrence early in September.

Mrs. Sam Jackman, '01, of Minneapolis, Kansas, spent several days in Lawrence with her sister, Helen Havens, one of the freshmen recently pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Anna Warfield, '03, of Alilene, spent three weeks on her return trip from Convention visiting at the Theta house in Lawrence.

Rho

Anne Barr, Rho, Director of the Women's Gymnasium in the University of Nebraska, was married to Dr. Clapp, Director of Physical Training in the University.

A daughter has been born to Hallie Post Moore.

Phi

The engagement has been announced of Louise Van Uxem, '04, to Halbert Chappell, '01.

Charlotte Chambers, '01, was married in June, 1903, to Maynard F. Wright.

Winifred Fry, '98, was married in September, 1903, to D. H. Webster, '96.

Mrs. Hazel Webster Spencer, '02, announces the birth of a daughter.

Florence Heywood, '02, is spending the year in Europe with her mother.

Mary E. Hendrick announces her engagement to Moye Wick Stevens of Los Angeles.

Edith M. Jordan is teaching history in Merced High

School, California.

Minnie and Cara Stillman, '03, will spend the winter visiting friends in Chicago.

Claire Soulé, '04, will attend Northwestern Univer-

sity this year.

Mrs. Ruby Green Bell, '02, is teaching biology in

Stockton High School, California.

Ada Edwards is teaching physical culture in Marlborough School, Los Angeles, Cal.

Maryline Barnard, 'o1, is spending the winter in

Boston.

The engagement has been announced of Grace Barnhisel to Lieutenant Hudson of U. S. Fish Commission.

Mary I. Morton, '05, has entered the children's hospital in San Francisco.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Anchora of Delta Gamma.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi.

The Beta Theta Pi.

The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.

The Delta of Sigma Nu.

The Eleusis of Chi Omega.

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The Alpha Phi Quarterly.

The Frater of Psi Omega.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The Trident of Delta Delta Delta.

The Sigma Chi Quarterly.

The Phi Gamma Delta.

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

The Tau Kappa Pi Quarterly.

Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

Severe criticism of "democratic" Princeton -

The club system of Princeton is the acme of collegiate snobbishness. Organized for the selfish comfort of their members, they furnish no incentive to the individual for exertion along lines of general college usefulness. By the force of their exclusiveness they are an end in themselves, and with their attainment a man is generally content to drop out of the larger college life. The fraternity chapter, on the contrary, encourages and urges

its members to participate in every phase of college activity and supplies an added incentive to participation in such spheres of work. For membership in the Princeton clubs men do not compete on the same broad, common footing that they do for fraternity honors, and their eligibility is too often measured by the calculating standards of the greater outside world. True merit rather than spectacular display is not given the same importance as in the case of a fraternity's selection, and there is none of that close scrutiny that seeks below the acquired veneer of the surface those qualities that really count in a man's character. — The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

Some wise and timely "Dont's" -

Don't choose a girl merely because she wears good clothes and creates an impression wherever she goes. Some of our best beloved sisters have been unassuming in appearance.

Don't choose a girl merely because she is a brilliant talker and answers you with her witty remarks. It may be a surface polish that soon wears off and the wit may be turned against you sometime.

Don't choose a girl merely because she is popular with the men. Men may find her attractive for reasons which will not help her with the girls. On the other hand, if she is popular in the same degree with the girls, all well and good.

Don't choose a girl who is merely a brilliant student. She must be able to join in a little nonsense now and then. A true fraternity girl is nothing if not versatile.

Don't choose a girl merely because she is the relative or dear friend of one of the members. If she proves uncongenial there will surely be heartaches.

Lastly, don't pass a girl by merely because all the other frats have. You may find what they failed to see.

If you find a girl who has all the above mentioned qualifications and an earnest purpose, too, you may con-

sider yourselves fortunate. She has few duplicates. — The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.

But the old chapter revisited will provide you with something more than rest and recreation, more than the companionship of old friends, more than the consolation of old scenes, more than the charm and uplift of youth; it will renew in you the first high resolves of your young life. The solemn oath, the sworn promise, the plighted word—all the manly obligations which you took upon yourself as you knelt at the altar of your Fraternity—all the first fine spiritual offerings of your young nature upon the altar of your own life—these will crowd about you and plead their sacred rights at the bar of your conscience. And near them and above them, knocking at the windows of your very soul, will gather all the great ideals of your early manhood.

For myself, as I have stood in the hushed presence of these human verities, my practical life has opened again to these first demands upon the integrity of my nature, to these first inspirations to a life of love and service, to these first dedications to the power of some compelling ideal. I have found myself lifter up into the beauty and nobility of them; I have found myself driven to my knees to thank God for their chastening ministrations, and to pray that they may be renewed in all the older activities of my life. — Delta of Sigma Nu.

Did you ever realize that our attitude towards other fraternities is noted and put on record, for or against fraternities? Can't we be broader in view, more cordial in our spirit when we meet our rivals? I believe in the spirit of rivalry. It keeps us whetted up; it's our tonic; but it is the bitterness that too often creeps in, which cannot be eradicated. We are all little families in this community of Greeks. Are we not broad enough to see the good points and to acknowledge that others have progressed along lines we have not thought out? If

they have been more progressive, profit by it, for at the same time we must have brought something to them.—

The Anchora of Delta Gamma.

Every chapter has experience with the girl who is careless of her business obligations. In many cases she is one of the most useful and valuable members, with only this blemish on a record of exceptional excellence. She doubtless has no intention of shirking; she is always looking for the time when "something will turn up" and she will be able to get even. She simply lacks the moral courage to say that she cannot afford the proposed expenditure. Few women are more discouraging to deal with than those without a keen sense of their financial obligations; if as a girl one lacks this sense, she must diligently study to acquire it. There is no disgrace in not being able to afford a thing; there is much disgrace in wilfully assuming to afford it, when one is reasonably certain that the time of making payment will find her unprepared. — The Alpha Phi Quarterly.

The Faculty of Lehigh University has modified the recent action in opposition to Fraternities. The new rules provide that after February, 1904, no student of the University will be allowed to join a Fraternity or live in a Fraternity house before May 15th of his Freshman year, and the Fraternities are not allowed to pledge Freshmen before this date. — Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.

A general plan by which the University of Chicago is to aid the twelve fraternities there in building permanent houses was recently outlined to all the fraternity men at the university by President Harper. The news that Charles L. Hutchinson is the donor of the magnificent new men's commons was announced by the university president in introducing the subject. Mr. Hutchinson is treasurer of the university. He visited Oxford University and studied the famous Christ College com-

mons, after which the new commons is modeled. Because the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity was recently burned out, that fraternity and one other brought up to the president the question of what the university might do in aiding the fraternities to build permanent houses. Dr. Harper in response to this inquiry suggested a possible plan for all the fraternities. This plan is that the university would build for all the fraternities permanent, fire-proof houses on Lexington avenue across from the club house and lease them to the fraternities. One feature of the proposal is that the fraternities have their own tables at the commons, and that the fraternity men board there. After a brief general discussion it was provided that a committee of twelve be named to consider the offer. — Alpha Phi Quarterly.